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Saddam 'will retaliate' against Western attack

By Martin Fletcher and Michael Evans

■ American, British and French forces were on a high state of alert last night ready for an attack in southern Iraq. But the White House cautioned against a "minute-by-minute countdown"

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein appeared determined last night to provoke military conflict with the West, rejecting an ultimatum to move anti-aircraft missiles from southern Iraq and pledging to retaliate if attacked.

American, British and French forces were on a high state of alert as the 10.15pm deadline passed and six RAF Tornados armed with laser-guided 1,000lb bombs were fuelled and ready for attack. But bad weather made immediate action unlikely and the White House cautioned against a "minute-by-minute countdown".

The heavy cloud, which is expected to thicken today, hampered American attempts to determine whether the contentious missiles had been moved from the exclusion zone imposed by the Gulf war allies. Confronted by a similar ultimatum last April to move missiles from the exclusion zone in northern Iraq, Saddam withdrew at the last moment, and shortly before the deadline last night there were reports that the Sam 2 and Sam 3 batteries in the south were on the move — even though Iraq was insisting that it would not obey orders from the West. The missiles were also moved on Thursday, but they were still thought to be south of the 32nd parallel that bounds the "no-fly" zone, although officials said: "It's hard to say what's going on."

As President Bush summoned his top national security advisers to the White House, Iraq remained publicly defiant. "Iraq will not heed the West's ultimatum and will uphold its right to keep its air defence bases where they are," Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minister, declared. "Should these bases be attacked, Iraq will certainly respond in kind to the aggression."

The Iraqi parliament endorsed that stance and the government newspaper *al-Thawra* described the ultimatum as a cheeky and hysterical threat, adding: "More than ever before, Iraq's heroic army is ready for any potential showdown."

That defiance was underlined when UN planes were barred from Iraq in what the UN described as a very serious violation of the Gulf war ceasefire terms. The planes ferry in UN manpower and equipment for tasks including the elimination of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

The White House declined to respond to Iraqi declarations yesterday, saying: "We don't want to get into a dialogue with them", but Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, declared that if Iraq believed it could challenge the coalition with impunity, "the answer is absolutely not".

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America has well over a hundred warplanes in the Gulf region, supported by French and British aircraft and Tomahawk cruise missiles. The British Tornados have recently arrived from Germany and are waiting in Dhahran in Saudi Arabia, where they were based throughout the Gulf war. Their crews are on immediate standby and an RAF Victor tanker, based in Bahrain, is also on high alert ready to provide mid-air refuelling for the Tornados.

If the allies were to strike, targets would be likely to include Iraqi air bases and radar installations as well as the missile batteries. "We're taking whatever steps might be necessary to support the ultimatum," a US Navy spokesman said.

The Pentagon was reportedly planning a concentrated and devastating series of attacks rather than a prolonged conflict, and Saddam's threat of retaliation is being taken seriously. Besides attempts to shoot down allied planes, there were fears last night that he might resort to hostage-taking or use ground forces for a strike against the Shias in the south the coalition is supposed to be protecting. Iraq is also believed to have up to 200 Scud missiles concealed, which could hit Saudi Arabia, Israel or Kuwait.

The Iraqi leader appears to be more confident to confront the West now that much of his military infrastructure has been rebuilt. Many of his 30 to 40 airfields are back in operation, the air defence system is repaired and he has at his command about 30 divisions. Iraqi aircraft have been engaged in combat training in recent months and the armed forces have been on high alert.

Saddam may feel that he has a good chance of shooting down a coalition aircraft, which would give him kudos in the eyes of the Iraqi people and the Arab regimes that still support him. He has more sympathy from the Arab world than he did during the Gulf war because the allies' ultimatum was imposed without the explicit authorisation of the UN, as was the "no-fly" zone itself. Feeling in Palestinian circles is already running high because of alleged Western failure to enforce UN demands that 415 Palestinian deportees be returned to Israel from their snowbound hill camp in south Lebanon.

PRINCESS MARGARET GOES HOME

By Alan Hamilton

WALKING slowly and carrying a bunch of white lilies, Princess Margaret left hospital yesterday after six days' treatment for viral pneumonia, and returned to her apartments at Kensington Palace to recuperate. The Queen's sister, 62, and a heavy smoker, smiled as she left the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers in London to be driven home.

Buckingham Palace said that the princess had responded well to treatment and had made good progress, but would disclose no further medical details. In addition to treatment with antibiotics for her pneumonia, the princess is understood to have undergone tests for malignant lung disease, a standard procedure for heavy smokers with pneumonia.

Eight years ago, during a previous bout of pneumonia, the princess underwent an exploratory lung biopsy at the Brompton Hospital in London. Since being admitted to hospital last Sunday, however, no surgery has been performed on her, palace sources said.

The princess has no official engagements until January 24, when she is due to attend a concert in Cardiff in aid of the Girl Guides, of which she is president. It was not clear yesterday whether she would be sufficiently recovered to attend. Next month she is expected to fly to the Caribbean to convalesce at her house on the island of Mustique, which has become her regular February destination.

As she left the hospital the princess paused on the pavement to exchange a few words with a nursing sister. They shook hands before the princess got into a waiting black estate car and was driven away just after 11.30am.

M&S puts ban on salmon from Shetlands

By Ray Clancy and Michael Hornsby

THE Shetlands oil disaster had its first discernible economic effect yesterday when Marks & Spencer stopped buying Shetland salmon and other supermarkets prepared to do the same, threatening ruin for the islands' second largest industry, worth £34 million a year.

A second blow came as the Scottish Office banned all fishing and harvesting of shellfish in areas off the islands because of the pollution risk. The ban covers an eight-mile wide area extending 18 miles up the east coast to Bard Head and 21 miles up the west coast to Wester Wick.

The stricken tanker, *Braer*, began to break apart yesterday under the constant pounding of storm force seas, with the accommodation block shearing away from the hull. Salvage experts who have been unable to get near the Liberian registered vessel since she foundered on Tuesday believe it might assist the complex operation of removing the remaining crude.

The Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales announced yesterday that they are to visit the islands to see the salvage operation at first hand. The duke, as president of the World Wide Fund for Nature, will also meet conservationists.

Marks & Spencer said the decision to stop buying salmon was "a temporary precautionary measure". Tesco and Sainsbury were "monitoring" the situation, while Safeway sent a food technologist to gather information.

There are 58 sea-based salmon farms in the Shetlands, which last year accounted for 10,000 of the 40,000 tonnes of farmed salmon produced in Britain. A quarter of the farms are located among the islets, narrow channels and bays to the north-west and south of Scalloway, 15 miles north of the spot where the *Braer* went aground.

James Moncrieff, the chief executive of the Shetland Salmon Farmers' Association, said: "While the oil stays on the surface, the salmon are not in much danger." Rough seas have hampered the placing of booms, but salmon farmers are more worried by use of chemical dispersants which are toxic to fish.

The ban on fishing came hours after a voluntary one imposed by the islanders covering 400 square miles. "No product will go out of Shetland which is not of the best quality," said a spokesman.

Environmentalists are increasingly concerned about the long-term effects of the oil slick. Steven Atkins, a marine biologist from Scottish Natural Heritage, said he was already surprised by the extent of the damage. Dead lobsters, ling, sand eels and other species vital to the food chain were being washed ashore.

David Redborough, of the Department of Transport Marine Pollution Control Unit, confirmed last night that 15 tonnes of Dispoline 345, an unlicensed dispersant, had been used.

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UK base under fire in Bosnia

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

THE British logistics base at Tomislavgrad in southwest Bosnia came under heavy artillery fire yesterday from Serbian guns in the mountains to the north east of the joint Croatian/Muslim garrison town. Nobody was hurt but there was severe damage.

The artillery barrage lasted an hour and half, with some of the shells landing in the town and others on the British camp outside Tomislavgrad. It was the first time that a British base has come under fire since the soldiers arrived in Bosnia in November.

A Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers workshop received a direct hit and was destroyed. Nobody was inside at the time. A British forces spokesman at Split, in Croatia, said three Land-Rovers and one Bedford lorry were destroyed. "The soldiers took cover in armoured vehicles, in basements or in pre-prepared bunkers," he said.

Tomislavgrad, which is a garrison town for both Bosnian Croat troops and Muslim forces, is the location of the British support element of the battle group in Bosnia. It is the main base for 35 Royal Engineers. About 500 men and women are deployed there, of the 2,400 troops assigned to the UN aid operation. The town is 70 miles from the main British base in Vitez.

The spokesman in Split said there was no return of fire by British soldiers.

☐ Bosnia's deputy prime minister for economics, Hakija Turalic, was shot and killed by Serbs last night while riding in a UN convoy from Sarajevo airport to the city centre.

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Forgan to join BBC

LIZ FORGAN will become the most powerful woman in British broadcasting when she is appointed deputy director-general of the BBC next week. Ms Forgan, 48, resigned yesterday as Channel 4's director of programmes. The BBC appointment will be confirmed by John Birt, its director-general, on Monday (Alison Roberts writes).

Ms Forgan's appointment effectively makes her Mr Birt's heir. The "golden handcuff" of around £100,000 paid to Ms Forgan by Channel 4 in 1991 has been repaid in full. It is believed that the BBC has picked up the bill.

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Tories split on raising taxes

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

SENIOR Tories clashed yesterday about whether and how taxes should be increased in the March Budget as part of an effort to stem the growing public sector deficit.

As Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, started his two-day pre-Budget meeting with Treasury colleagues at Chevening, Kent, two former ministers offered conflicting advice on how to balance a projected £44 billion budget deficit. Lord Ridley of Liddesdale, a former Treasury minister, advocated more income tax for the better off, and Kenneth Baker, former party chairman, suggested higher indirect taxes, such as VAT. Judith Chaplin, former political secretary to John Major, said that tax increases could harm the "fragile" recovery.

It is thought that the Chancellor will rule out significant tax increases in March for fear of dampening consumer confidence. Any big increases in VAT or national insurance contributions are expected to wait until the new-style December budget. However, there could be rises above inflation in excise duties, and tax allowances may rise by less than the rate of inflation.

On Thursday, Lord Howe of Aberavon, a former Chancellor, urged Mr Lamont to increase taxes sooner rather than later. Yesterday, Lord Ridley called for increases in direct taxes, particulary for those on higher incomes. "I don't quite know why there is this total taboo on direct taxation," he told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*. "I think I would be in favour of carefully chosen increases in income tax to take money from where there is still a lot."

Mr Baker predicted a rise in taxation this year, but said that spending taxes should be increased rather than income tax. This would help to dampen a consumer boom and prevent a rise in imports causing a big balance of payments deficit. "I think it is

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Walker on theft charge

GEORGE WALKER, former chairman and chief executive of the property and leisure group Brent Walker, was arrested by officers of the Metropolitan Police company fraud squad yesterday and charged with four offences under the Theft Act 1968, totalling £12.5 million. The charges allege theft and false accounting (Jon Ashworth writes).

Wilfred Aquilina, former finance director of Brent Walker, was also arrested and charged with two joint offences of false accounting.

Mr Walker, 63, presented himself at Holborn police station, central London, at

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Channel 4's Forgan to join BBC as Birt's number two

BY ALISON ROBERTS

LIZ FORGAN, Channel 4's director of programmes, resigned yesterday and is about to be appointed deputy director-general at the BBC, a move which will make her the most powerful woman in British broadcasting.

She will be replaced by her Channel 4 deputy, John Willis, son of the late Lord Willis, the creator of *Dixon of Dock Green*.

Ms Forgan, whose innovative role at Channel 4 earned her a formidable reputation, has long been marked for the job at the BBC.

Insiders say that she will be the perfect foil to John Birt, the director-general, taking on a wide-ranging brief in both television and radio. Her appointment will effectively make her heir apparent: the last three director-generals have previously occupied the deputy spot.

The BBC would not confirm the move yesterday, but Mr Birt will announce a senior grade reshuffle on Monday. It is thought that he will also announce the appointment of Bob Phillis, chief executive at ITN, and will possibly scrap some posts altogether.

There are still vacancies at the BBC for controllers of BBC1 and the World Service with the departures of Jonathan Powell and John Tusa. The finance director's post also lies empty following the resignation of Ian Phillips two months after the discovery of a series of accounting errors and an overspend of £20 million this year.

Channel 4 will release Ms Forgan from her contract 16 months early, the organisation announced yesterday.

The "golden handcuff" money, thought to be about £100,000, paid to Ms Forgan at the time of the 1991 ITV franchise round as an incentive against taking a job with one of the bidders, has been repaid in full.

It is likely that the BBC has picked up the bill.

Yesterday, Michael Grade, Channel 4 chief executive, called Ms Forgan's contribution to the channel's character "unrivalled ... from the commissioning of *Channel 4 News* and the creation of *Right to Reply* and the *Video Box*, to her formidable command of the channel's entire programme output".

Known as a leftwinger and a feminist, Ms Forgan's stint on *The Guardian*'s women's page earned her a fan in Jeremy Isaacs, who offered her a post at Channel 4.

Her thoughts on the BBC's new role after the expiry of the royal charter in 1996 occupy even higher ground than those of Mr Birt and she has impressed him in the debate surrounding the corporation.

Mr Willis, who takes over as Channel 4 programmes director at the end of the month, said that he would inject the broader programming policy with the investigative slant for which he is known. The maker of documentaries such as *Special Hospital* which prompted an investigation into the mistreatment of patients at Ashworth Hospital, he has also championed the channel's multicultural and educational work.

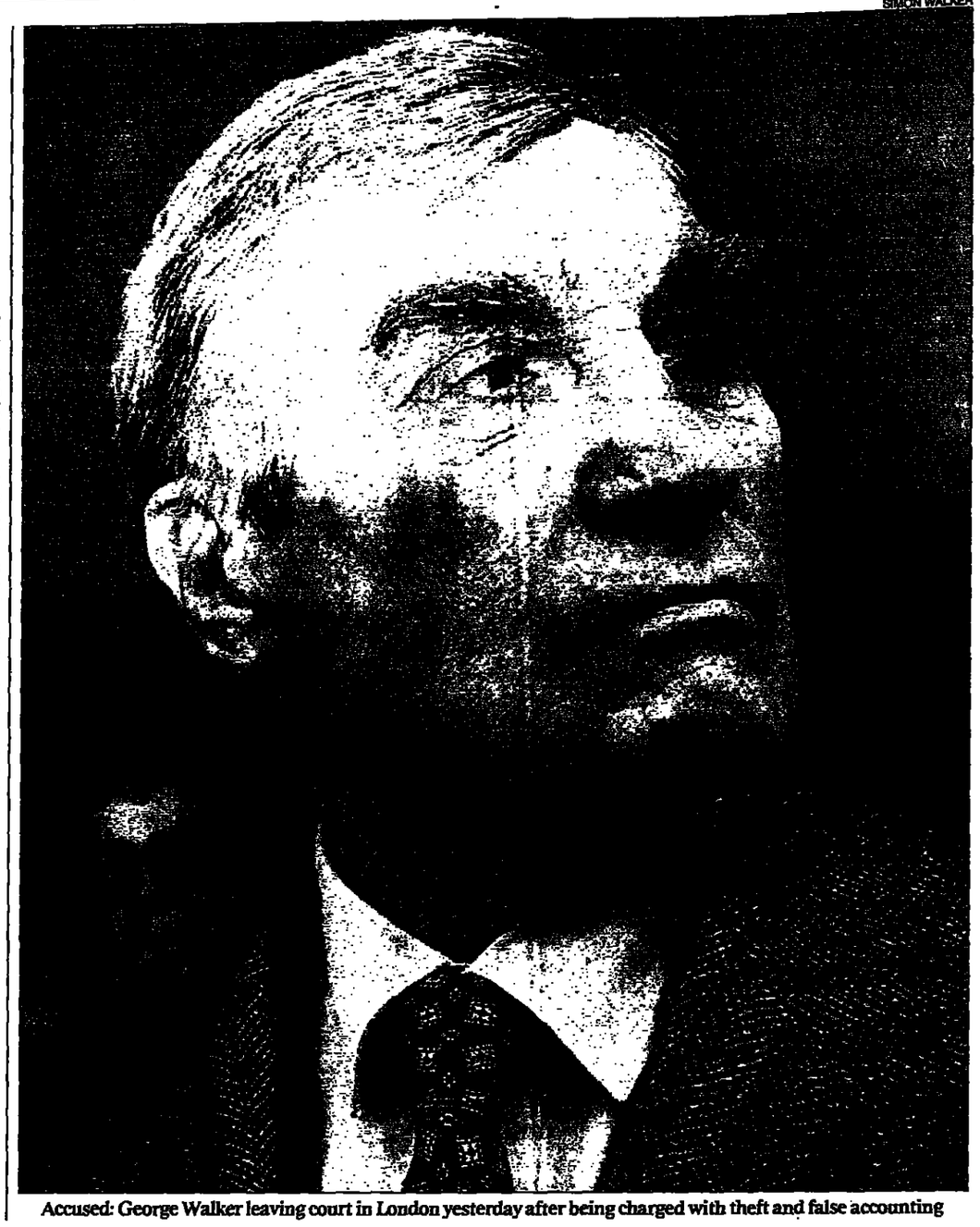
"Channel 4 should be at the leading edge of change and that has always been the case. I intend to continue that. People see us as taking risks and being willing to be provocative and I think that should be across the board."

Since January 1, Channel 4 has sold its own advertising: Mr Willis said that the change had worked well and that the difference between the channel and new ITV franchise bidders was attracting advertisers.

Forgan: will be seen as heir apparent

Birt: reshuffle to be made on Monday

SIMON WALKER



Accused: George Walker leaving court in London yesterday after being charged with theft and false accounting

Walker arrested on theft charges

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9am by prior arrangement, accompanied by his solicitor, Michael Coleman, and appeared before Bow Street magistrates. He was released on bail of £500,000 and is due to appear in court again on April 2. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

George Hanton, his brother-in-law, provided surety of £400,000 and Jacqueline Pamela Walker, his sister-in-law, provided surety of £100,000. Mr Walker must reside at his home in Fobbing, Essex. Mr Aquilina deposited a cash security of £100,000, had to surrender his passport and must reside at his home in Barnes, southwest London.

The Serious Fraud Office, in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police company fraud squad, began investigating the affairs of Brent Walker in August 1991 at the company's request.

In a statement read outside the court, Mr Coleman, a partner of the law firm Harkavys, said: "Mr Walker has been charged with a number of very serious offences at the conclusion of a lengthy and detailed investigation by the Serious Fraud Office. Throughout the enquiry, Mr Walker has co-operated completely with the Serious Fraud Office and has throughout denied his involvement in any dishonesty.

"He and his family are disappointed that these charges have been made. He denies entirely any involvement in any dishonesty whatsoever."

Mr Walker, a former Billingsgate fish porter and boxer, gave up control of Brent Walker in December 1991 as it struggled for survival with debts of £1.8 billion.

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important not to increase taxes on income because that was very much the thrust of the Thatcherite and Reagan economics of the 1980s, which were very successful in generating substantial levels of growth," he said.

Mr Baker, who called for interest rates to come down to 6 and then 5 per cent, said he hoped that the Chancellor would announce further help to industry, building on capital allowances announced in the Autumn Statement.

Mrs Chaplin, MP for Newbury and a member of the Commons Treasury select committee, said: "I would not wish to see anything that could damage what is a very fragile recovery, therefore I would not wish to see large increases in taxes." Mrs Chaplin, who is thought to reflect Downing Street thinking, said that it was important to have low interest rates, but she argued that a large part of the public sector borrowing requirement was reduced as recovery came. She added that it would be hard for people to accept very low wage increases if they were also facing tax rises.

There is growing concern in the print industry that Mr Lamont might impose VAT on books, newspapers and magazines. Tim Godfray, director of the Booksellers' Association, said: "A tax on books would be a tax on knowledge, ideas and information."

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Major gathers policy advisers at Chequers for 'fix-it' summit

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MEASURES to boost employment through "back-to-work bonuses" and an extended business start-up scheme will be considered by the prime minister and his advisers at Chequers this weekend, when objectives for the next three to four years will be discussed.

On Monday members of the Downing Street policy unit will present John Major with ideas for the government's medium-term programme. These are said to include giving the housing programme a fillip by providing financial help for first-time buyers, and extending privatisation and other schemes to bring private-sector finance into public projects. The meeting will also discuss the transport department's green paper, to be published in the spring, which is expected to recommend tolls for Britain's motorways and some roads.

The policy advisers will consider a "back-to-work bonus" scheme, under which the unemployed would be reimbursed for travel and relocation expenses and other work-related costs. The Business Start-up Scheme, which provides grants to help the unemployed establish new businesses, may be expanded. The government is said to be also considering a scheme to provide temporary work for the long-term unemployed, who will be paid an allowance in addition to their existing benefits.

Ministers were yesterday trying to play down the significance of the policy meeting, claiming it was merely a stocktaking exercise. Some see the two-day summit as a deliberate effort by the prime minister to counter accusations of drift and lack of leadership, with Tory party officials claiming that a "radical programme" will be unveiled. But Downing Street has pointed out that the exercise builds on a process initiated in the summer, when John Major wrote to all secretaries of state asking them to draw up a medium-term programme.

Councils expect big job losses

BY OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

COUNCILS are bracing themselves for at least 18,000 redundancies because of local government budget cuts. The job losses will affect Conservative and Labour-controlled councils alike.

The estimate, compiled by the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, is endorsed by the Conservative-controlled Association of County Councils, which said that the estimate was a "safe one and that the actual number of job losses could be higher".

Birmingham City Council has announced 3,000 possible job cuts and a £40 million budget shortfall while Derbyshire County Council has announced cuts of £37.5 million and up to 2,500 job losses.

The two associations will join forces on Tuesday with the other local government organisation, the Association of District Council, to present their case to Michael Howard, the environment secretary, and John Redwood, the local government minister. They will also discuss what they see as the woeful inadequacy of the government's £41.142 billion budget for local authority spending announced in last year's Autumn Statement.

Having appraised the government's grant allocations, and taken into account pay settlements, the associations estimate that there is a £3 billion shortfall. Councils are at present discussing draft budgets for next year, and on average they are finding that their plans are costing 6 to 7 per cent more than government budgets will allow. Individual deputations from councils visit the environment department almost daily.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Saudi king donates £175,000 for sick boy

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has donated £75,000 to a fund set up to send a three-year-old boy to America for a bowel and liver transplant. The fund has now raised the £380,000 needed to send Stuart Masters, 3, of Shoeburyness, Essex, to Pittsburgh Children's Hospital in America. An anonymous donor gave the fund £150,000 last October.

Stuart, who has to be fed through a tube, has a malfunctioning liver. He will have the same transplant operation as Laura Davies, 4, from Eccles, Greater Manchester, whose appeal received £150,000 from King Fahd. A spokesman for King Fahd said: "The ambassador in London saw the news about Stuart and told the king."

Stuart was taken to London's Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children for observation last night after developing a high temperature.

Boys' earring victory

Schoolboys in Dorset are to be allowed to sport earrings in class after a legal victory by three pupils who had been banned from wearing them. Tony King, 15, his brother David, 12, and Daniel Hockton, 14, were sent home from Grange comprehensive school in Christchurch last September when they arrived at school wearing studs on the ears. Legal advisers told the school governors that the ban might breach sex discrimination law and the headmaster, Adrian Cook, is writing to parents to tell them that the earring ban can no longer be enforced. The local education department said the decision could pave the way for girls to wear trousers and boys to have shoulder-length hair.

Press report ready

The Calcutt report on press conduct and self-regulation was delivered to Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, yesterday. It is the second government-sponsored enquiry into the activities of the press drawn up by Sir David Calcutt QC. The government said it intended to publish the report "as soon as practical".

Anti-truancy project

Eric Forth, the schools minister, launched an £8.6 million project to tackle school truancy yesterday. "Teenagers playing truant are not just missing out on their education but they run the risk of falling into criminal activities," Mr Forth said. The project will concentrate on schools with known attendance problems.

Lump-sum subsidy is urged for housebuyers

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT schemes to help first-time buyers of the type being discussed by John Major and advisers at Chequers this weekend will have to involve payments of at least £3,000 a head if the housing market is to be jolted back into life, analysts and lenders believe. One option could involve a fundamental restructuring of tax relief on mortgage interest whereby ten years of subsidy might be rolled up into a one-off payment.

Gary Marsh, chief economist at Britain's biggest building society, the Halifax, said: "First-time buyers do not need an ongoing subsidy but they do need help with deposits. It would be an opportune time to reform the subsidy system."

The Halifax, which has already discussed the scheme with ministers, admits the scheme would cost the government more in the short term, but there would be savings in the longer term as ongoing Miras bills were reduced.

John Wriglesworth, economist and housing analyst at the stockbroker UBS Phillips and Drew, suggested a cash subsidy of £3,000 to £4,000 for everyone moving, not just first-time buyers, for a limited period but with no pre-set deadline. The scheme, which would cost about £3 billion if applied for six months, assuming about 750,000 transactions, would be paid for by the abolition of Miras tax relief elsewhere. Extra revenue raised through stamp duty and VAT would help to reduce the cost.

TGWU backs electoral reform

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND JILL SHERMAN

THE prospect of the Labour party supporting electoral reform took a significant step forward yesterday when the largest union, the Transport and General Workers, backed a change in the voting system.

Bill Morris, the TGWU's general secretary, made it clear he was in favour of abandoning the "first past the post" system for a form of proportional representation.

With the TGWU swinging behind PR, pro-electoral reform campaigners believe that there are sufficient votes behind a change for the issue to be carried at the party's annual conference in Brighton in September.

Labour officials yesterday played down Mr Morris's remarks, arguing that he had said nothing new. They also pointed out that the TGWU's voting strength had diminished since last year, when it held 19 per cent of the conference vote, to about 11.3 per cent. However, with the Amalgamated Engineering Union, which also supports electoral reform, accounting for a further 9 per cent, there is for the first time significant backing for reform.

Labour's enquiry into electoral reform, chaired by Professor Raymond Plant, yesterday considered a range of options for the application of PR to the House of Commons, and agreed to explore three options, including retaining the "first past the post" system, before submitting its final report to Labour's national executive committee (NEC) in April. The options for change are various forms of the additional member system and one version of the alternative vote system.

It now seems unlikely that the Plant committee will make any specific recommendation and will leave it do the NEC to make the "political decision" of whether to back PR.

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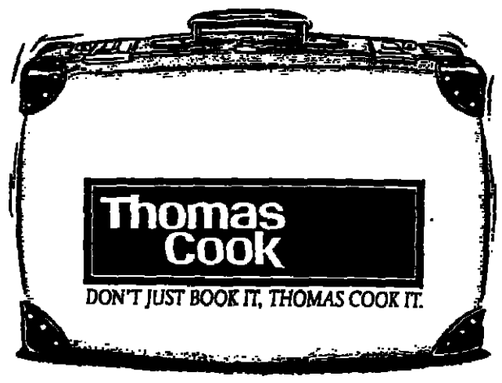

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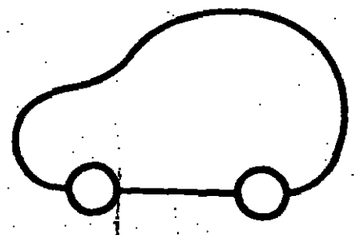

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Islanders turn tanker disaster into profit

BY WALTER ELLIS

AS OIL from the stranded tanker *Braer* casts a dark, viscous shadow over the Shetland Islands and surrounding seas, the fabled stoicism of the islanders is being sorely tested. Parents are concerned for their children, farmers and fishermen are anxious about their livelihoods, and everyone is touched by the plight of the marine animals and birds.

This is no wreckers' coast, and no lanterns lit by profiteers lured the *Braer* on to the rocks, but there are those on the Shetlands who have not been slow to turn an honest penny from the disaster. Hotels are bulging at the seams, taxis are hailed as miracles and hire cars, the ultimate prize, are jealously guarded.

Journalists and "experts" — the carpetbaggers of the Information Age — have proved every bit as slick as the oil they have come to chronicle or fight. They were on the scene within hours, demanding rooms, telephones, vehicles and sustenance, and the retailers and service companies were there, too, receipt books in hand, tills at the ready.

Estimates vary, but it is thought that more than 2,000 environmentalists, ecologists, salvage workers, oil spillage experts, animal and bird lovers, government ministers, officials and journalists may be here, increasing the islands' population by 10 per cent. All are convinced of their importance; all, to some extent, are impotent observers.

But as the consultants fret and the salvers worry, kept on the sidelines of events by the sea and the wind, there has certainly been no let up in consumption.

British Telecom has assigned dozens of extra lines to the airport press centre and car hire firms are appealing to the mainland for additional vehicles to placate the multitude. Those who cannot find a car from the usual sources are often willing to take any alternative, and there are stories of camera crews offering £200 a day for a car and of a farmer's pick-up going for £50 a day.

So conspicuous has this been that caterers of every kind are working round the clock and P&O is sending its ferries through stormy seas to bring extra supplies of food and drink. In the hotels, enough haddock and chips is being fried to sink the *Titanic*, though supplies of Australian Chardonnay are said to be running dangerously low. Some caterers remain astonishingly sanguine. Bob Walker, manager of the Shetlands Hotel in Lerwick, one of the main headquarters for journalists, reports that the influx of hacks has been trouble-free. In the past he has had to put up as many as 100 offshore oilmen, forced to retreat to Lerwick from their North Sea platforms because of winter storms.

Rooms are passed on from correspondent to correspondent, or from expert to expert, like heirlooms, in spite of the efforts of hoteliers to ensure an orderly process of "first come, first served". Some visitors have even stayed at the airport, sleeping on the floor like the victims of a Spanish air controllers' strike. Many islanders have responded to police appeals and provided rooms in their homes for clean-up volunteers. Prices in some cases are reported to be high, but other crofters clearly feel they are performing a public duty.

Getting in and out of the disaster area has obvious difficulties — another opportunity for entrepreneurs. British Airways' scheduled flights from Aberdeen have rarely been busier, nor have the charter companies and offshore suppliers, and Sumburgh airport is having to cope each day with an armada of private aircraft and helicopters.

The irony of all this activity is that its effect on what everyone is here to see is minimal. The *Braer* remains stuck fast and the sea continues to empty its tanks and disperse their contents.

The ecology lobby, spearheaded by Greenpeace, and the professional troubleshooters ought to be in their element. Instead, the elements themselves have taken charge and those of us who might wish to feel important in the face of disaster can do little but look on helplessly.

JOHN GILES

Anti-pollution exercise: crofter Jim Black wears a protective mask as he tends his sheep close to the oil spill

Grand dame of the sky flies to the rescue

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE six Dakotas contracted by the Department of Transport's Marine Pollution Control Unit to spray the Shetlands oil slick with chemicals have revived the aircraft's reputation as the do-it-all grand dame of the skies.

The portly Douglas DC-3 Dakota, a harbinger of air safety and comfort, made its first flight as a prototype on December 17, 1935. More than 10,000 DC-3s were built by Douglas in America before production ceased in 1947. Of these, 1,000 are still flying or ready to be restored.

The Dakota's enduring spirit has earned it the affectionate sobriquet, The Time Machine. The "gentleman's aircraft" still carries sightseers over the pyramids, provides scheduled services to remote Eskimo villages in Canada and hauls cargo over the Andes.

The latest task of the specially refitted fleet is to fly only 30ft above sea level disgorging 20 tonnes of oil-dispersing chemicals an hour on the stinking waters below.

A transport department spokesman said: "They're marvellous. They get a lot of stick because they're old but there doesn't have to be anything wrong with that. They fly low and slow and there's nothing to match them."

Church lavatory splits village

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to build a lavatory in the vestry of a 14th-century church have led to a *Clochemerle*-style dispute that has split a Cotswold village. Yesterday the factions faced each other across the pews at the opening of a church court hearing to resolve the issue.

The cost of the consistory court hearing was estimated to be about £5,500, compared with about £6,800 for a wash basin and lavatory in St John the Baptist church at Great Rissington, Gloucestershire.

The parochial church council, which had voted 10-1 in favour of the proposal, was shaken when a poll of villagers revealed 26 in favour and 119 against. Traditionalists are offended by the prospect of worshippers seeking relief during sermons. Some have criticised the plans on aesthetic grounds and have condemned a lavatory as "inappropriate in God's house".

The debate has been likened to the plot of *Clochemerle*, the novel about the building of a public lavatory in a village in France.

The Rev David Bush, the former rector, wanted the lavatory so that a Sunday school could meet. He said: "There is nothing in my view inappropriate in having a lavatory and wash basin. I am a church architect and very sensitive to aesthetic considerations."

The court was told that facilities at the neighbouring rectory had been used in past emergencies, but the rector's recent retirement meant that these might no longer be available. Mr Bush said that he was dismayed that a "positive and good idea" had caused such division. "The primary need is to teach the gospel and introduce children to the church."

June Rogers, chancellor of the Gloucester diocese, inspected the church at the start of the hearing, when she was told by one objector, gravedigger Charles Surch, that the root of the proposed drainage pipe would disturb the graves of two still-born babies.

The hearing was continuing last night and is expected to be adjourned until next week.

The finest columns

William Rees-Mogg and Alexander Chancellor, two of the most controversial and authoritative voices in international journalism, are joining *The Times* next week. Lord Rees-Mogg, below,

is returning as a columnist on Mondays and Thursdays to the paper which he edited from 1967 to 1981.

Alexander Chancellor, below, former editor of *The Spectator*, will write a weekly column on Saturday. Both have written most recently for *The Independent*.

They will complete the cast of Britain's most formidable page of newspaper comment and opinion, joining Bernard

Levin, Simon Jenkins, Matthew Parris, Alan Coren, Janet Daley, Philip Howard and Lynne Truss.

■ Also on Monday the distinguished economic commentator Anthony Harris joins *The Times* from the *Financial Times*. He will be writing twice weekly in the business section alongside Anatole Kaletsky and Graham Searjeant.

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What if . . ?

"If the War Cabinet had received Hitler's peace terms in 1940 what would they have done? The foreign secretary, Lord Halifax, would probably have opted for peace. So, too,

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CBI calls for ceasefire on school curriculum

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TEACHERS and ministers were yesterday urged to bring peace to education by Howard Davies, the director-general of the CBI, who said it had for too long been a battlefield on which the children got shot.

Mr Davies told the North of England Education Conference in Blackpool that a recent report ranked Britain twentieth out of 22 developed countries on the quality of its people's skills — ahead of only Greece and Turkey.

He said that constant disputes about the national curriculum, testing, league tables and opting-out created the impression that the education establishment was more interested in disputes than the fate of the children in its care. "Please concentrate on making the best use of the £30 billion you are given to make something of our children."

Mr Davies singled out opposition to the recent examination league tables as "the height of folly".

John Patten, the education secretary, who was to have been the main speaker at the conference, pulled out last month, citing urgent ministerial business. Traditionally, secretaries of state have used the meeting as a platform to outline policy for the coming year, but Mr Patten delivered his new year message in radio and television appearances.

Mr Davies said teachers should whinge less about cash shortages and raise their expectations of pupils.

□ Schools should be guaranteed a share of the new national lottery to help produce the next generation of musicians, dancers, actors and painters, Sir Claus Moser, the warden of Wadham College, Oxford, told the conference. About £20 million should go to education if the lottery raises £1 billion each year.

Health chief resigns

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE chairman of Britain's largest health authority resigned yesterday after a series of financial scandals. Sir James Ackers said he was leaving West Midlands regional health authority because public confidence had been "adversely affected".

Last year the National Audit Office found that a management consultancy exercise intended to identify savings had cost the authority £4 million. Further criticism was levelled at a £3 million computer project.

Sir James, 57, who had held the part-time post since 1982 and earned £21,000 a year, blamed management officials for the problems. Virginia Bottomley, health secretary, welcomed his decision to "make way for new blood".

Hard work pays off for Bolshoi

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE Bolshoi Ballet's punishing rehearsal schedule, including late night classes stretching into the early hours, has been rewarded with record-breaking ticket sales at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Between 60 and 70 per cent of all tickets for the £3 million, five-week season have been sold, it was announced yesterday.

While the dancers rested at the Kensington Hilton and prepared for last night's full dress rehearsal, frenetic backstage activity continued apace.

Derek Block, the tour presenter, was having security problems. "I can't believe it. A Russian woman just wandered in wanting to bring 25 students in to watch them rehearse. The artistic director doesn't want anyone in for the dress rehearsal," he muttered as she was escorted out.

The 160 dancers will be in constant rehearsal until January 23, although the curtain goes up on the first programme of three ballets tonight. Those dancers waiting to perform will pass the time sight-seeing. Mr Block has laid on a coach trip to the fire-ravaged Windsor Castle and expects the Russians to enjoy a spot of disco-dancing at a night-club.

"They are a very young troupe, with an average age in the early twenties," he said. "They have been marvellous to work with, easier to get on with than the Americans, actually."

Rumours of poor pay - as little as £20 a day for all dancers including principals - were unfounded, according to Mr Block, who declined to disclose what the rate was. "They have been treated very well indeed. All the companies I bring over here bring their own food with them. It's not a matter of them being starved and poverty-stricken. When the Hungarians came over they brought 56 wicker baskets full of wine."

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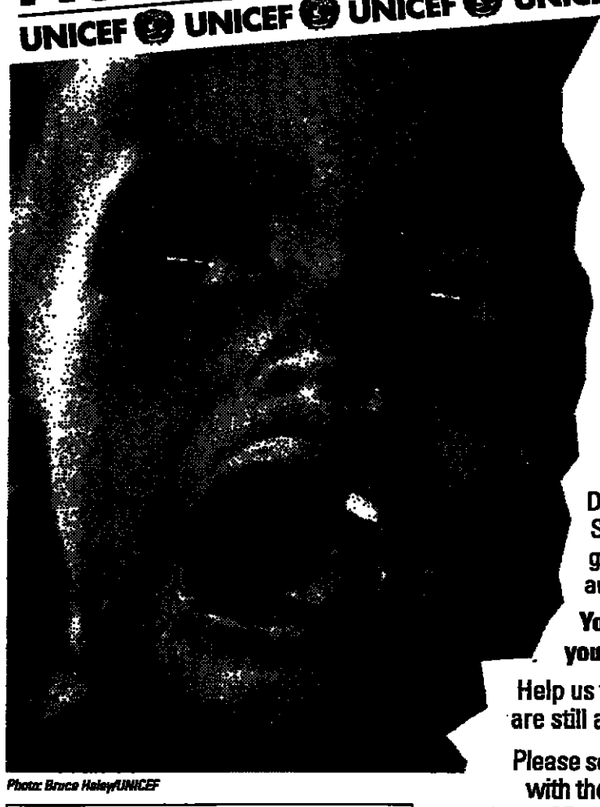

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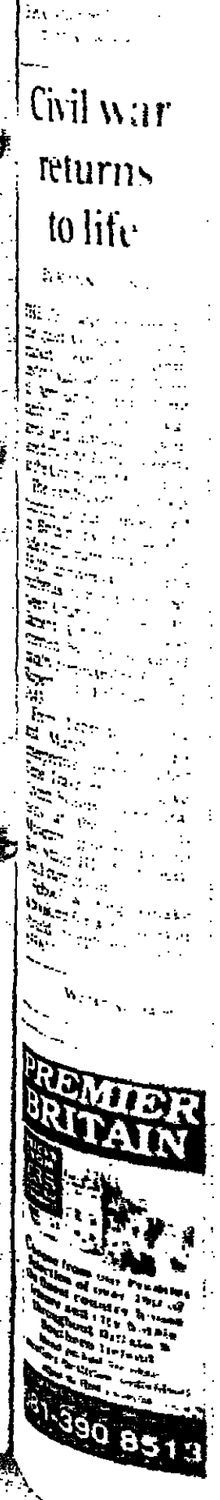

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School knifing 'highlights new era of child violence'

BY NICHOLAS WATT

VIOLENCE in some British schools is reaching New York levels as knives replace fists as the most common playground weapon and drug feuds spread to the classroom, the director of a children's charity said yesterday.

Michele Elliott, director of Kidscape, which campaigns against bullying, was speaking after a 14-year-old boy was stabbed in the back with a kitchen knife in a classroom in Cambridgeshire on Thursday. The parents of Stefan Beck, whose spine was damaged in the attack, said yesterday that they would have to wait several days to discover how serious his condition is.

Mrs Elliott said yesterday: "Bullies have always been around but they are becoming more vicious. One pupil lost a kidney in an attack and a seven-year-old set a fellow pupil on fire. Weapons are being used that have never been seen before in schools."

Kidscape receives up to 1,000 letters a week about bullying. "We have found that the worst violence occurs in big schools in large cities," Mrs Elliott said. "Some of it is related to drugs. But we have found that children sometimes don't realise the consequences of what they are doing. Reality often merges into fantasy."

The education department has commissioned a study into bullying after being criticised for failing to recognise the problem. Professor Peter Smith, who is heading the project at Sheffield University's psychology department, said yesterday that many schools did not do enough to counter bullying.

"Schools sometimes just brush the problem under the carpet. When there is a serious case of bullying they sometimes just deal with the problem as fire fighters and fail to take a long-term strategy."

Professor Smith said that action was needed to prevent violence in schools from escalating. In Professor Smith's survey, 24 schools are implementing three proposals to tackle bullying:

☐ A whole-school policy so that everyone knows that bullying will not be tolerated and pupils realise the consequences if they offend. This means training lunchtime assistants, who have a low status in schools, because most bullying takes place in the playground. Professor Smith said: "Assistants should be trained so that they know the difference between real bullying and rough and tumble. If they know how to intervene their status will be raised."

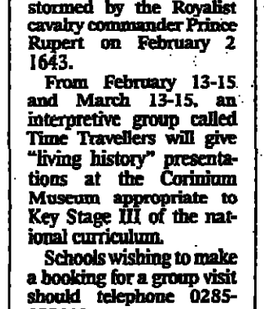
☐ The curriculum should be used to teach about bullying through drama. Up to two thirds of victims do not talk about their experiences, which means that the problem can pour out when the bullying becomes serious. The desperation of some schoolchildren was highlighted last year when a 16-year-old girl killed herself after she was taunted at school. Katharine Bamber left a note saying she had been bullied.

☐ Teachers should work with individual bullies and victims.

Professor Smith said that 20 per cent of pupils were involved in bullying, either as victims or bullies. "There are fewer in secondary schools because as children get older they cope more easily with feelings of depression and frustration. This means that when older children are bullied the violence is much more severe."

Crime in schools is not just confined to bullies. In 1990, property worth £60 million was damaged at schools through vandalism and arson. Peter Dalrymple, of the Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency, said: "Arsonists and class bullies are different. Arson is a lone act by someone who wants to destroy."

A 14-year-old boy was remanded into the care of a local authority yesterday when he appeared before a juvenile court following the stabbing incident on Thursday. He will reappear on Monday at Peterborough.



Beck: stabbed in the spine at school

Prodigies sweep the chess board

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

AS NIGEL Short, Britain's best chess grandmaster, prepares for his world championship bout tomorrow against Jan Timman of The Netherlands, many young British hopefuls are determined to follow in his footsteps.

Among them is Ruth Sheldon, 12, the youngest female player in the UK to get an official rating from the World Chess Federation. Ruth, from Manchester, competed recently in the second section of the Hastings International Chess Tournament, Britain's top competition. She scored five points from 11, enough to get into the expert class of the international rankings.

Stewart Reuben, organiser of the Hastings tournament, said yesterday: "Ruth is an outstanding prospect. I'm sure she will make the British Olympic team in due course."

There will be 14 games in Short's match against Timman. The winner will challenge the Russian Gary Kasparov for his world crown.

TONY WHITE

Uncrowned queen: Ruth Sheldon, 12, tipped to represent Britain in the Olympics

Church may ground 'flying bishop' plan

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A NETWORK of "flying bishops" is being called for by Church of England traditionalists to stave off large-scale defections caused by the ordination of women priests. But the plan is likely to be rejected when more than 100 bishops meet next week to discuss how to implement the legislation to ordain women, agreed by the General Synod in November.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, has met senior Anglo-Catholic bishops in an attempt to work out how best to meet their needs. Evangelical clergy met their senior bishops earlier this week.

The prospect of thousands defecting to the Roman Catholic Church will recede if the system of "flying bishops" emerges.

The clergy and Anglo-Catholic bishops want four or six bishops appointed to carry out ordinations, confirmations and other duties for those clergy and laity whose diocese is headed by a bishop who supports women priests.

They fear, however, that the meeting of the House of Bishops next week will not go far enough to meet their needs. Any plan that appears to give formal substance to a "church within a church" is likely to be fiercely opposed by some church leaders on the ground that it could undermine authority.

The four-day meeting is most likely to agree to an informal arrangement whereby neighbouring bishops with opposing views would share some duties. A bishop in favour of women priests would ordain women in a neighbouring diocese where the bishop was opposed, and vice versa.

One bishop who supports women priests said: "The buzz is that arrangements will be made between neighbouring bishops. This would not be a completely new system and it would be possible under existing legislation. It is already the case that if a bishop cannot do a confirmation or ordination, a neighbouring bishop will help out. This can be done by invitation and without any documentation or legal forms.

"What the House of Bishops will not allow, if it can help it, is any move away from the idea that what happens in a diocese is the responsibility of the diocesan bishop."

Civil war returns to life

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Civil war returns to the quiet Gloucestershire market town of Cirencester today when the Royal Armouries' travelling exhibition of Civil war arms and armour, sponsored by *The Times*, opens at the Corinium Museum.

The exhibition, the first touring display mounted in Britain by England's oldest museum, marks the 350th anniversary of the outbreak of hostilities between Charles I and Parliament. Cirencester was stormed by the Royalist cavalry commander Prince Rupert on February 2 1643.

From February 13-15 and March 13-15, an interpretive group called Time Travellers will give "living history" presentations at the Corinium Museum appropriate to Key Stage III of the national curriculum.

Schools wishing to make a booking for a group visit should telephone 0285-655611.

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Channel link puts Victory Arch at risk

BY JOHN YOUNG

BRITONS who remain suspicious of foreign entanglements — or Eurosceptics as they are now called — may see an omen in a threat to Victory Arch at Waterloo station from subsidence caused by excavations for the new Channel tunnel terminal.

It is about eight years since a group of Euro-MPs suggested renaming the station to avoid offending visitors from France. However, if anyone felt uneasy under the Victory Arch, they were more likely to be German.

Although dedicated as a memorial to railway employees who died in the first world war, the arch is lavishly decorated with sculptures and the names of the campaigns — Belgium, Italy, the Dardanelles, France, Mesopotamia, Egypt and the North Sea — emblazoned around the curved roof.

The station was officially opened on July 11, 1846, and the arch, the main pedestrian entrance on the north eastern corner, was opened by King George V in 1922.

A leading article in *The Times* observed: "We believe that the old name of Waterloo, which some have thought a stumbling block, will on the contrary, with its new and contrasting associations, be a fresh link to unite us with our comrades in arms."

Be that as it may, the Building Research Establishment is monitoring ground movements from the construction of the new terminal with three instrumentation systems, linked by a central computer. They warn of possible vertical movements in the clay and indicate when grouting should be carried out by pumping a cement paste into any new fissures.

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Manchester hopes new urban layout will end rule of the gun in Moss Side

£6m lifeline is thrown to Britain's most lawless slum

BY PETER VICTOR

JOHN MANNING

Deceptive quiet: mounted police patrol the rat-runs and dead-ends where Moss Side's gun-toting thugs deal, steal and murder each other

AFTER a week in which Manchester's Moss Side district once again featured as a lawless playground for drug dealers, prostitutes and murderers, the community has been offered a £6 million lifeline.

Moss Side is a seemingly lawless slum south of Manchester's city centre. At its heart is Alexandra Park Estate, notorious for drug-related violence and, most recently, the shotgun murder of 14-year-old Benji Stanley. Houses stand empty, boarded up and padlocked; locals make their way around the squalor almost without noticing it. Hope for the 5,000 residents of Moss Side is coming not from increased policing or neighbourhood watch schemes, but from a change of heart by the local councillors.

Manchester City Council is to embark on architectural engineering on a grand scale, to change the fabric of an inner city slum and, it hopes, defeat its criminal underclass. It will spend £6 million to destroy the rat runs, back alleys and cul-de-sacs used by the local drug gangs to offload their goods and make a quick escape. Many of the walkways and push roads through the estate will be shut off, turning some properties around and building new ones so that terraced houses with gardens look out over through-roads.

Clare Nangle, Manchester's deputy chair of housing, said: "We want to make it difficult for people to deal in drugs. The residents will be able to see from one end of the street to the other. They will get security doors and window locks. Some of the empty properties will be demolished and we will have new properties built there."

Moss Side gained its reputation after the riots of 1981. Following publication of Lord Scarman's report, £1.4 million was pumped into training schemes and job creation in the area. This, said Ms Nangle, was "chicken feed". Apart from helping some small business projects, most of the training has been in building skills — and there is no building industry to go to.

As the situation deteriorated, Moss Side was dubbed "Britain's Bronx". As it happens, from January to November 1992 there were eight murders, one manslaughter, nine attempted murders and 65 woundings for the two police divisions covering Moss Side and Hulme. At the same time in the Bronx, there were 381 murders and 6,150 serious assaults.

No one denies that guns are part of life in Moss Side: "They are mostly little squirts, just hoodlums," said one police officer. "The only thing that gives them any credibility is that they carry guns. They have moving gun battles in their cars. The bizarre thing is that most of them are such lousy shots. That's why they're so dangerous."

Mihedgja: worried about area's image

In the midst of this, elderly people go to St Mary's community hall on the estate at night to play bingo, undeterred by the young thugs who show up occasionally to intimidate people. Last year, one of them held up two elderly women at gunpoint. He took to his heels when they asked what he thought he was doing.

Father Phil Sumner, who preaches and works in the community, claims young black people from Moss Side are criminalised by police attitudes: "We believe that young members of the black community are brought in unjustly on too many occasions. Once the person's sense of self-esteem is gone there is, in some senses, a death wish. The young person no longer cares whether he shoots someone or whether he gets shot. That's a dangerous cocktail mixed with an abundance of drugs and easy access to guns."

Chief Superintendent Andrew Glaister, in charge of policing the area, said that, in the short term, the police must continue to pressure the drug dealers. More than 40 people have been arrested since a special unit was set up in October to tackle the problem.

This will not stop drug dealing, however. In August 1991, 23 people were arrested after Operation China, which targeted dealers in Moss Side. The first of those convicted are coming out of prison and want to re-establish themselves. "We know that we'll displace them into other parts of the city," Mr Glaister said.

The police are increasingly coming to the view that the only way to wipe out the problem is to legalise possession of drugs. "The EC is happy to pay farmers not to produce grain or to buy it and stockpile it till it rots," one senior officer said. "There is no political will to pay a Third World country not to produce drugs. There is no point in taking the moral line with a Pakistani farmer who is growing these things to feed his family."

> 'Once self-esteem goes, young people don't care if they shoot or get shot. That's a dangerous cocktail mixed with an abundance of drugs and easy access to guns'

Moss Side's young dealers are, to all intents, a lost generation. Attracted by the money, excitement and *esprit de corps* of the drug gangs, they make large sums of money relatively easily.

There is little chance of persuading a teenager with £16,000 tucked away in his bedroom that he should join a training scheme for unemployment benefit plus £10 a week so he can try for a job that will pay him weekly what he can make in just one evening on the streets.

Marva Mihedgja, 41, works with young offenders and lives in a street after which one of the gangs is named. She has no fear of being shot, but worries about Moss Side's reputation. "I'm sure nobody's going to shoot me. Most people around here are not involved in the reasons why these gang members shoot at each other, although I could be in the wrong place at the wrong time," she said.

"The area has been stigmatised. I have an 18-year-old daughter who is doing her A levels and wants to go to university. How will this affect her? My 12-year-old son won't even tell people he comes from Moss Side.

"People who live outside the area don't know it. The media comes here and then goes away again. I grew up here and I haven't done badly for myself."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Driver gets 3 years for death crash

A stockbroker was jailed for three years yesterday for killing a young office worker in a road accident in 1987. Colin Friend, 35, fled to California after the accident and returned two years later. He was arrested last year.

Friend, of Edmonton, north London, ploughed into a group of people outside a pub in Edmonton in July 1987. Robert Brind, 25, of Edmonton, died the next day from severe head injuries. The Old Bailey was told that Friend had been drinking and was showing off his new Mercedes sports car to friends. He was driving at 70mph in a 30mph zone.

Friend admitted causing death by reckless driving and perverting the course of justice. He was disqualified from driving for five years.

PC wins case

PC David Bulmer, 36, was awarded nearly £3,900 damages from Norfolk police after being injured when his car crashed into a roadblock. He told Norwich County Court that he was chasing a ram-raider and had not been warned of the roadblock by his colleagues.

Convict killed

Anthony Cole, 32, serving a life sentence for manslaughter, was found strangled in his cell at Lancaster Castle prison. The jail houses 80 inmates, many of them waiting to go to open prisons for the last periods of their sentences.

Paint prank

Kevin Spencer, 24, and Paul Lobley, 25, both of Wirksworth, Derbyshire, were each jailed for 14 months for causing actual bodily harm to a friend after a drinking session. They shaved David Rowland's hair, painted him orange, dumped him in a cold bath and stole his false leg.

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Court told how burnt 16-year-old suffered

BY RONALD FAUX

SUZANNE Capper, the 16-year-old girl who died four days after being found at a roadside near Stockport with horrific burns, was so badly disfigured that she could be identified only by her fingerprints, an inquest at Manchester was told yesterday.

Dr William Lawler, a pathologist, told Manchester Coroner's Court that Suzanne suffered 75-80 per cent burns consistent with having had petrol thrown over her and set alight. Her chance of survival had been "minimal".

Dr Lawler also said two of her incisor teeth had been forcibly extracted, there was an abrasion on her nose which could have been caused by a cigarette burn, and scratches and cuts covered several areas of her body. These could have been caused by brambles in the area where she was found — at Romiley, near Stockport — but he believed that most of the marks were the result of vigorous scrubbing with a stiff brush. Dr Lawler said Suzanne's scalp, eyebrows and pubic hair had recently been shaved or burnt. Death was due to complications caused by burns.

Mrs Elizabeth Capper said she last saw her daughter less than two weeks before her death, after Suzanne had moved back to Moston to live with her stepfather.

Detective Inspector Peter Wall told the inquest that six people, including two women and a youth aged 16, had been charged with kidnap and murder. They are due to appear before magistrates in Manchester on February 17 for committal to crown court.

The coroner, Leonard Gorodkin, said: "It is clear that this young girl must have suffered tremendously. She must have suffered a great deal of pain and she had no chance of survival. But she did fortunately survive long enough to give information which led to the people mentioned being charged with her death."

The inquest was adjourned.

Hunt stepped up for missing millionaire

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THAMES Valley police began house-to-house enquiries in a north London suburb yesterday hoping for clues to the disappearance of David Martin, the electronics millionaire who vanished from his Buckinghamshire country home 11 days ago.

He left behind a half-full glass of wine, blazing lights and a small bloodstain on the floor of his empty garage. Police have discovered no motive for his disappearance, no enemies and have yet to find his passport.

Yesterday detectives started checking residents in the flats and bedsits round Lancaster Drive in Belsize Park, north London, after Mr Martin's grey BMW car was discovered parked close to his London flat.

Thames police say checks to see if he has left the country have drawn a blank. His family in Australia have been contacted and police have also made sure that Mr Martin, an amateur pilot, has not taken the aircraft he used. His credit cards and bank accounts have been monitored, but this has revealed no attempts to draw money. There have been no demands from anyone claiming to hold him, nor had he reported any threats.

The blood stain is very small and could have come from a cut finger.

Mr Martin, 50, an Australian by birth, is the founder of a successful electronics company. He disappeared on December 29 from his £400,000 home in a coverted barn at Naphill near High Wycombe. Kate Turnor, his girl friend, went to the house after raising no answer on the telephone.

Yesterday Miss Turnor said she now believed Mr Martin must be dead. She said: "When I first heard about the car I felt very relieved. But it has put more questions in my mind than answers."

As police began their investigations close to where the car was found, Maria Erivali, a nanny who works in the neighbourhood, said she spoke to police after seeing a suspicious man driving a grey BMW in Lancaster Drive. She said: "I saw this man come out of a basement flat up the road. He was enormous. He was certainly not English and had fuzzy, dark, shoulder-length hair and was over 6ft tall."

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Kirklees council censured over job policy

White worker wins discrimination case

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

A RACE relations worker has won a racial discrimination case against a local authority who turned him down for a job because he was white.

Stephen Webster, 46, had worked for the Commission for Racial Equality as a complaints officer for 11 years when he applied for four of six posts advertised with Kirklees council, West Yorkshire. But he failed to be shortlisted or put on the reserve list, despite the fact that a junior colleague from the commission, who was from an ethnic minority, and people Mr Webster had trained were all considered.

Mr Webster, of Leeds, was told he did not have the relevant experience for the posts because he had only been involved in race issues and not equal opportunities covering gender and disability. An industrial tribunal in Leeds ruled that he had been racially discriminated against.

Bernard Wiltshire, representing Mr Webster, told the Leeds tribunal the council had taken a decision to appoint only people from ethnic minorities or white women. He said that only 16 of the 114 applicants for the posts were white men and none were shortlisted, while eight of the 30 Asians who applied were included. The only white man to make the reserve list was Latvian by birth.

He added that three of the eight Afro-Caribbeans who applied were also selected, including one person who was trained by Mr Webster at the commission.

However, Mr Webster, who was backed by the CRE, lost his case for sex discrimination at the week-long hearing. "The inference there is that the white males were at a disadvantage," said Raymond Worrall, the tribunal chairman, who criticised the Kirklees selection panel for being open to abuse.

Kirklees council denied it had discriminated against Mr Webster. Paul Rose, the council's solicitor, said the applications from white men were weak and that Mr Webster's lacked detail compared with the successful candidates' and had been unanimously eliminated at the selection panel's first meeting.

Kashmi Patel, a council adviser who examined the applications, said that Mr Webster had also failed to demonstrate that he was sensitive and aware of the needs of diverse cultures.

However, the tribunal said that Mr Webster had qualifications that should have seen him shortlisted, and his application covered all the details required in the specification.

A Kirklees spokesman said: "It is council policy to look at every application on merit. In selecting the right candidate for the job, the council involved eight people with a vast amount of experience in equality matters. Because of the large volume of applicants more weight was given to how they expressed themselves on the application form."

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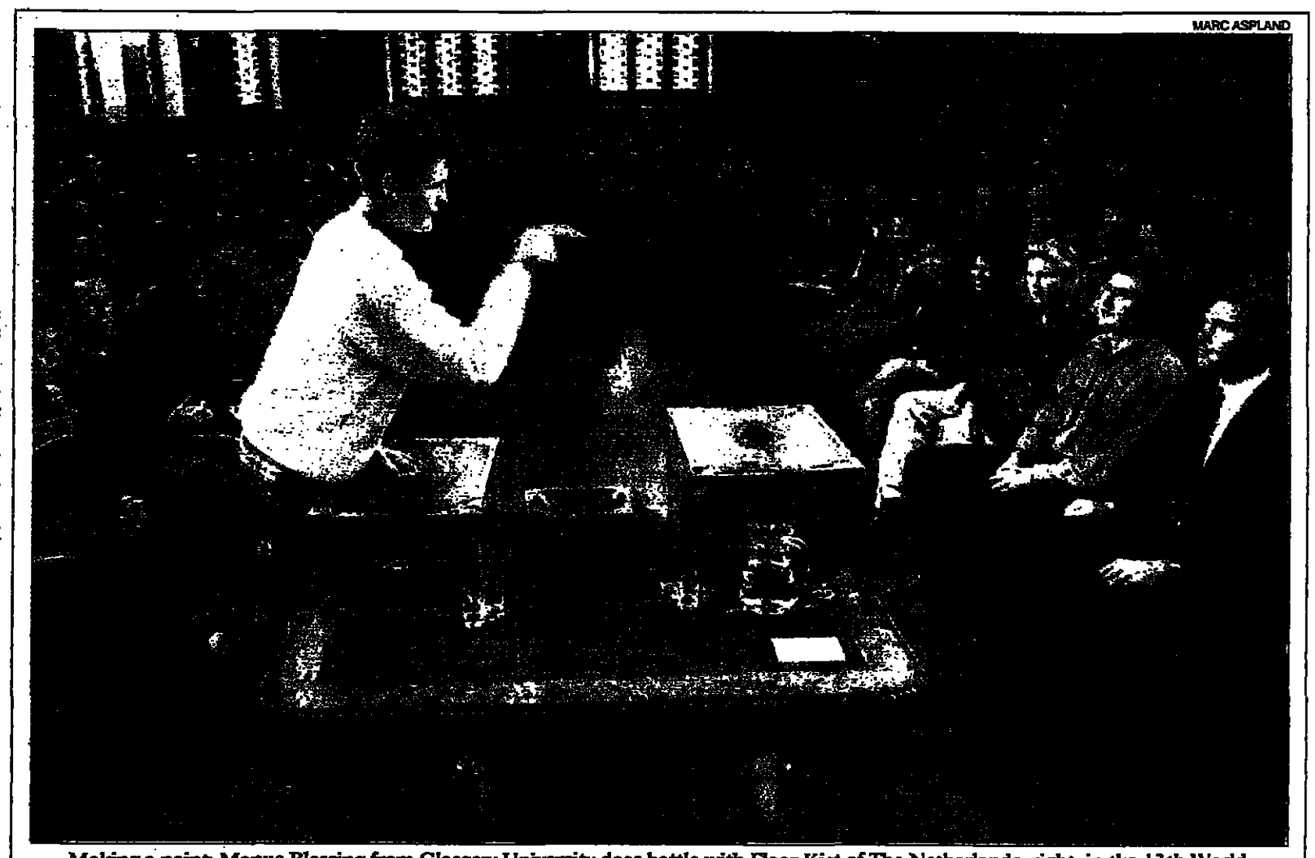

Making a point: Manus Blessing from Glasgow University does battle with Floor Kist of The Netherlands, right, in the 13th World Universities Debating Championships. The event is being held in the debating hall of the Oxford Union. The final will be this evening

Leeds

Bosnian lesson for all Muslims

Mashuq ibn Ally

The barbaric events in Bosnia have horrified the world, and the Muslim communities in Europe now face a number of important questions. They believe philanthropic efforts for the victims of war have not been matched by an appropriate political response from either the Muslim world or the non-Muslim West.

Muslims in the rest of Europe may well ask what will be their fate? What we in the West must consider is that the Bosnian Muslims are not immigrants but Slavs who speak Serbo-Croat. More importantly, their acceptance of Islam was not due to enforced conversion by a conquering power, and they have been Muslims for some 500 years. They are genuinely part of a multifaith society, with the Serbian Orthodox and the Catholic Croats their major religious partners.

However, unlike those in Bosnia, the approximately 12 million Muslims living in Western Europe are immigrants and recent arrivals. Most migrants were attracted to Europe by economic opportunities. Others arrived as refugees — the innocent victims of civil war or political persecution. Ninety per cent of these Muslims are settled permanently and have taken up citizenship. Naturally, their future status and identity has been uppermost in their minds, particularly after the Rushdie affair, the Gulf war and the re-emergence of fascism in the countries of Western Europe. Events in Bosnia have added to their concerns.

In Britain the dilemmas in which Muslims find themselves are of immediate debate. The language used by the Establishment during the Rushdie affair conveyed to many that they were set apart from the rest of society. Secularism is so entrenched that they can find only a few allies from other religious groups.

The fact that Muslim countries had to rely on non-Muslim mercenaries to evict Iraq from Kuwait shattered all illusion that Muslim minorities could rely on Muslim countries to protect them.

Recognising the social and political impotence of Muslims in Britain, the Islamic Party and the Muslim Parliament, which meets this weekend, came into existence. There can be no doubt that both raise issues in the Muslim community which are shared by many. But is that enough? In the case of Bosnian Muslims, in the 1960s even they achieved full recognition as one of six nationalities in the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

British Muslims will have to come to terms with the fact that Britain is now their home, albeit a secular one, and the rest of society will have to accept Muslims as their fellow citizens.

Islam has contributed positively throughout history to all cultures and civilisations, and it can do so in Britain. For this to be achieved the community will have to lift itself out of its ghetto mentality, and its youth should be allowed to participate at every level.

If we are to learn anything from Bosnia it is that we must cultivate confidence in, and provide security for, all our citizens.

Mashuq ibn Ally is director of the Centre for Islamic Studies at the University of Wales, Lampeter.

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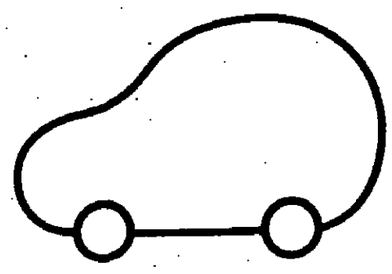

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Pentagon failed to grasp significance of Sams at first

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE Sam2 and Sam3 anti-aircraft missiles at the centre of the confrontation between Iraq and the coalition forces require up to 12 hours of heavy labour to dismantle and move. If the Iraqis were proposing to meet the deadline to remove them, they started too late.

Each battery has four to six launchers, with separate vehicles containing tracking and fire control radar. One battery of missiles and equipment covers an area of at least 100 sqare yards. The movement detected by American spy satellites on Thursday was not seen as clear evidence of the beginnings of a withdrawal. As part of normal security procedures, the Iraqis continually move Sam missile batteries to different positions.

The only real sign of Iraqi submission would be a general movement of all the batteries northwards, or at least into a consolidated non-operational grouping in readiness for transporting north. This is what happened in April last year, when the Iraqis moved missile batteries beyond the 36th parallel into Kurdistan in the north, where American, British and French aircraft operate an air exclusion zone. After a similar threat from the coalition, the missiles were consolidated at a lorry park and then moved back across the line.

The missile systems are brought to their launch sites by lorry, but need to be firmly positioned on the ground before becoming operational. The radars, located away from the missile launchers, are placed on sand mounds for elevation, surrounded by some form of protective wall. Both systems are old heavyweight Soviet weapons and it takes time to remove them from their lorries and place them on the ground. All are located to the east in the marsh area about six miles south of the 32nd parellel.

The Sam2, codenamed Guideline by Nato, is a long-range radio-command guided missile about 30ft long and weighing more than 5,000lbs. Nato refers to it as a flying telegraph pole, which Western

THE MISSILES

aircraft, equipped with sophisticated electronic equipment, can normally avoid without too much difficulty. However, in the Gulf war, an RAF Tornado was hit by a Sam2 because the pilot was unaware of its approach. The Sam3, whose Nato codename is Goa, is used as short-range defence against low-flying aircraft and is small enough to be carried in pairs on the back of a lorry.

A curious aspect of the Iraqi missile crisis has been its growth from no big deal to full-blown showdown in four days. The Pentagon continually played down the military significance of the Iraqi anti-aircraft missiles when their presence in the "no-fly" zone first became public knowledge in Washington last Tuesday.

The Sams were portrayed by Richard Cheney, the US defence secretary, as so clapped out that they were probably more of a threat to Iraqi fighters than to coalition jets patrolling the southern Iraqi skies.

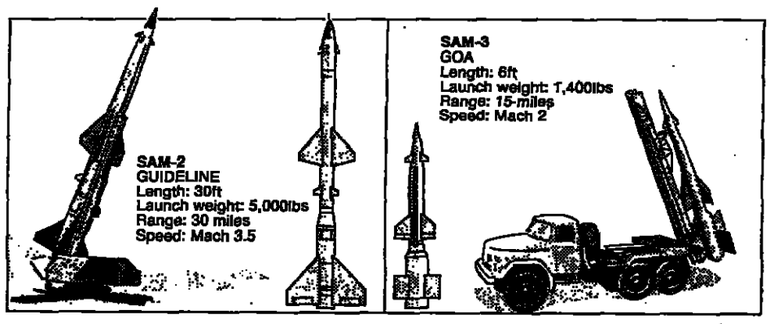
By yesterday however, Bob Hall, the US defence spokesman, was issuing a stern warning that the missiles fitted a "deployment pattern that is potentially hostile" to allied aircraft.

In its initial reaction, the Pentagon failed to reflect the wider significance of the missiles as the latest in a series of attempts by President Saddam Hussein to bedevil the enforcement of UN resolutions designed to curb his military ambitions.

Political leaders in London, Paris and Washington quickly recognised that Saddam was testing the West's resolve, emboldened by the transfer of power in the White House and by a hope that his foes' attention had been diverted by events in Bosnia and Somalia.

Over the past few weeks, Saddam has refused to co-operate with UN weapons inspectors, blown up lorries carrying humanitarian aid to the Kurds, stepped up repression of the Shia Muslims and sent MiGs on incursion flights into the southern "no-fly" zone, where one of them was shot down by a pair of US F16s on December 27. As a British diplomat in Washington put it: 'Saddam was pushing things on his terms and it was time to call a halt."

Once the decision was taken, the missiles underwent a transformation. No longer described by briefers as insignificant, they became a handy peg on which to hang the allies' latest *démarche* to Iraq.



Link man: Nizar Hamdoon, the Iraqi ambassador to the United Nations in New York, who has been the diplomatic conduit between the allied coalition and Baghdad during the rapid escalation of the missile confrontation. He delivered a four-page Iraqi rejection of the 48-hour allied ultimatum for removing the missiles from the "no-fly" zone to the UN representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Russia.

Allies invoke unwritten rule to back action

BY CHRISTOPHER GREENWOOD

INTERNATIONAL LAW

The ultimatum to Iraq to remove anti-aircraft missiles from southern Iraq has revived debate about the legal basis for the actions taken by Britain, the United States and France.

Iraq says the "no-fly" zone and the ultimatum are an infringement of its sovereignty for whichthere is no United Nations backing. Iraq is correct in saying that neither the "no-fly" zone nor the ultimatum is the work of the UN, but that is not to say that the UN is not involved in the confrontation.

Resolution 688, adopted by the UN Security Council in April 1991, condemned Iraq's repression of its civilian population when putting down uprisings in the Kurdish north and by Shia Muslims in the south. The resolution demanded that Iraq cease attacks on the civilians in these areas and allow access for humanitarian organisations.

When Iraq ignored that demand, a number of states deployed air and ground forces to the Kurdish areas, forcing Iraq to withdraw its troops and cease military flights there. Allied ground forces were subsequently withdrawn, but allied aircraft continued to patrol the northern zone.

A "no-fly" zone in southern Iraq was imposed by the three allied states in August last year after Max van der Stoel, the UN rapporteur, reported that Iraqi forces were launching an offensive against the Shias, again in defiance of resolution 688. This ban has been enforced by allied patrols ever since.

Although the allied measures have been designed to ensure compliance with resolution 688, their legal basis is not to be found in that resolution. Unlike the UN's resolutions on Kuwait, resolution 688 contains no provisions authorising states to enforce compliance.

Instead, the allied states have asserted a right under unwritten, customary international law which, they say, permits intervention in a state in a case of extreme humanitarian need. A similar justification was relied upon by the west African states when they intervened in Liberia in 1990 and in the current operation in Somalia, although in the Somali case the operation has been authorised by the UN.

The effect of resolution 688 was to make President Saddam Hussein's treatment of the Kurds and the Shias an international issue by declaring it a threat to international peace and security. In these circumstances humanitarian intervention by the allied states has been widely regarded as much easier to justify, and the imposition of the no-fly zone in southern Iraq (though not universally accepted as legal) has not been extensively challenged.

Although the deployment of anti-aircraft missiles is not itself a violation of the ban on flights, it threatens the safety of the air patrols which enforce the zone. The ultimatum to Iraq to remove the missiles shows the allied states are not willing to take the risks inherent in waiting to see whether those missiles will be used.

While the use of force would not normally be lawful unless there was an imminent threat of an attack upon an allied air patrol, the circumstances in Iraq make the deployment of these missiles an obviously threatening act. An air strike against Iraq would not have the authorisation of the UN and would not rest on as firm a legal basis as did the action taken over Kuwait. Nevertheless, it would be justified under general international law.

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Gulf states fear the fall of Baghdad

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

ARAB support for any renewed Western military action against Iraq is much less unified or outspoken today than at the time of the 1990 Gulf conflict because of fears that it could lead to the break up of the country.

When the air exclusion zone in southern Iraq was declared last August, a number of former members of the anti-Iraq coalition, including Syria, were openly opposed and others took much diplomatic convincing that such a move would not risk boosting Iran's influence in the Gulf. Arab states fear that fresh fighting could result in Iraq dividing into a southern statelet dominated by Shia Muslims, a rump state in central Iraq run by Sunni Muslims and a northern third run by Kurds.

"Dismembering Iraq does not necessarily mean that Saddam Hussein will be ousted," the Egyptian pro-government commentator Samir Ragab noted in August. An Egyptian diplomat said at the time he did not "expect that we would participate in any further military activity against Iraq". Arab public opinion, he added, with the exception of "some Gulf Arabs", was opposed to further punishment of the Iraqis.

Among the Gulf war allies, it was Syria last August that was most adamant in its opposition to the "no-fly zone" in the south. Farouk al-Sharaa, the foreign minister, said his country "believed that any step which might threaten the unity of Iraqi lands would be unacceptable and of grave concern for us in Syria".

Concern about the chaos that the dismemberment of Iraq could cause in the oil-rich Gulf was central to the West's reluctance to become involved in supporting the 1991 Kurdish and Shia Muslim rebellions after the Gulf war.

Anxiety among many Arab states, as well as Turkey, another key supporter of the 1990 coalition, has been increased by Iranian muscle-flexing including its dispute with the United Arab Emirates over the sovereignty of three Gulf islands and its purchase of Russian-built submarines. Arab diplomatic sources said yesterday that not only would Iran benefit strategically from any move towards autonomy by the Shia-dominated south of Iraq, but also from the removal of Iraq as a regional power. The troubled region is already struggling to cope with a number of destabilising factors such as an upsurge of Islamic fundamentalism and severe economic difficulties.

Kuwait remains the most hawkish of the Gulf Arab states in its backing for any further military action against Iraq. Initial Saudi worries about the risks of strengthening Iran were overcome by American persuasion.

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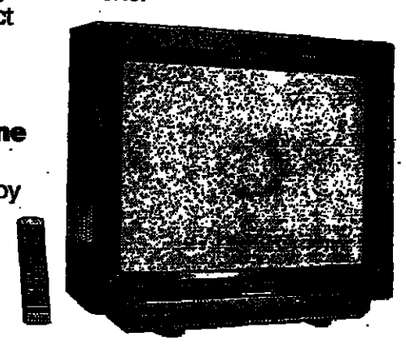

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Orwellian measures still underpin minority clique in 'Alice in Wonderland' state

Streetfighter bent on settling score with George Bush

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein's defiance of the West appears to be calculated to shore up the authority of his rule worn down by sanctions and defections. Growing numbers of his soldiers are defecting to the opposition in the northern "safe haven" set up for the Kurds by the Western allies.

Western officials have recently detected signs of growing discontent at spiralling inflation, increasing food shortages and the sheer misery of daily life over the two years since the imposition of sanctions. One pointer has been the growing number of Iraqis arriving in Jordan and attempting to secure visas to travel abroad. Another has been restrictions imposed by the Baghdad regime on those who can travel overland to Jordan.

Saad Salih Jabr of the Free Iraqi Council, an opposition group based in London, believed that other factors were also at work. "Saddam is a streetfighter who wants to settle an old score with George Bush before Bill Clinton takes

SADDAM HUSSEIN

over in Washington soon. He longs to remind the world that he is still there while his enemies are leaving the stage one by one," he said.

Since the humiliating defeat in the Gulf war, most of the huge 10ft portraits of Saddam that dominate the country have been repaired and some new ones erected depicting him wearing victory medals from what is still known as "the mother of all battles". The Orwellian gesture is typical of an Alice in Wonderland state in which the same corrupt, minority clique that ordered the invasion of Kuwait holds sway, boosted by a reconstructed propaganda machine and a streamlined security network more ruthless than any in the Arab world.

At the age of 55, Saddam has restored the cult of personality and reinforced it by tightening the circle of relatives from his home town of Tikrit that controls the key jobs and has access to the "slush fund" squirrelled away abroad and used to finance purchases that circumvent sanctions for the elite.

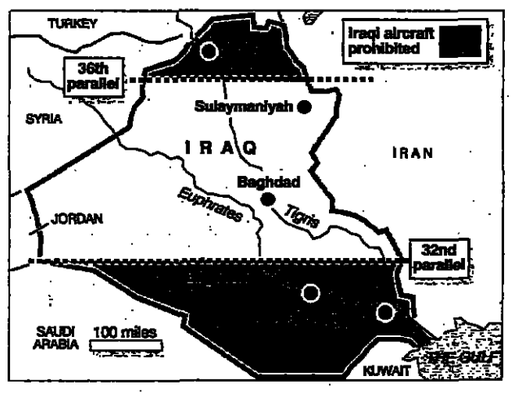
Such is the atmosphere of fear in Baghdad that the level of popular feeling against the president is hard to ascertain, even for those Western nations who retain tenuous intelligence networks run from the Jordanian capital, Amman. "Immediately after the war, people were prepared to tell you in the privacy of their homes what they really thought. That is not the case any more," one recent European visitor to Baghdad said. "Now they are too frightened to voice any sort of criticism."

As the semi-official Cairo paper *Al-Akhbar* asked despairingly yesterday about Saddam's staying power: "He has wasted long years, big fortunes granted by God to the people of Iraq in the form of oil resources. He sacrificed the cream of Iraqi youth, caused the vital utilities of the country to be destroyed.

"Anywhere else, to suffer such by the ruler, the normal behaviour would have been to immediately get rid of him: either through legal channels or other means before he seeks to affect further catastrophes ... but in Iraq, nothing of the sort happens. The Butcher of Baghdad is still suffocating his people, aided by a group of beneficiaries from his wild escapades and an army which does not protect Iraq, but only one person."

Giant among men: new 10ft portraits of Saddam that dominate Iraq depict him wearing victory medals

The president's survival has been guaranteed largely by the amount of money, skill and manpower put into maintaining his protection. The job of organising this is entrusted to one of his sons, Kusai, who also runs the vast intelligence network known as the Mukhabarat. The brutal efficiency of Iraq's internal security network is backed by a state propaganda organisation that is mind boggling in the fashion with which it distorts the truth and presents a picture of events in the West that would be incomprehensible to anyone living there. Unlike some other repressed states, fear of informers is such that few Iraqis even dare to listen to objective news broadcasts on shortwave radio receivers. School children have often been ordered to inform on dissenting views shown by their parents, while the restriction on information is backed by routine torture.



US had plan to capture Saddam

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Bush administration seriously considered making President Saddam Hussein's capture an explicit Gulf war objective, but decided against because it feared he could elude capture indefinitely, it was disclosed yesterday.

The reason that the coalition did not pursue the man Mr Bush once labelled "worse than Hitler" after its Gulf war victory was disclosed by Robert Gates, the CIA director, in an interview with the *Los Angeles Times*.

Capturing Saddam was "discussed at length", but officials remembered how Manuel Noriega had evaded US troops after the 1989 invasion of Panama. "We were all a little shaped by that experience. Iraq's a hell of a lot bigger than Panama and we knew a lot less about it than we did about Panama," Mr Gates said. "There was a feeling that it would not be difficult for Saddam to flee Baghdad and it would be very difficult for us to try and find him. So you'd end up potentially occupying much of Iraq."

Aid worker's death halts food convoys

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

THE death of an Australian aid worker forced a halt yesterday to the convoys providing emergency winter food and fuel to the Kurds of northern Iraq. Stuart Cameron was killed when gunmen pulled up alongside his moving car and strafed it with bullets.

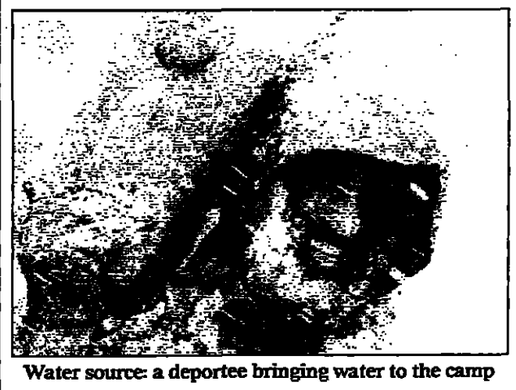
The incident near the city of Sulaymaniyah may prove to be embarrassing for the Kurdish leadership if first accounts of the incident, that its own peshmerga guerrillas were responsible, are confirmed. A second Australian and two Kurdish employees were wounded.

Workers with Care Australia distributing paraffin near the border with government-controlled Iraq are reported to have quarrelled with local peshmerga, who accused them of holding back supplies. Care then suspended deliveries, a decision that may have prompted Thursday's shooting.

Care announced yesterday that it would suspend its operations entirely for two days while it assessed the situation. Any longer delay would spell disaster, particularly for the inhabitants in the eastern part of Iraqi Kurdistan, where a fierce winter and sabotage by Iraqi agents has hampered distribution.

With two dozen foreign staff and up to a thousand local employees, Care is by far the largest organisation now operating under the terms of the UN memorandum of understanding with Iraq.

The Australian embassy in Ankara yesterday was reserving judgment on the incident. Kurdish representatives are clearly hoping that it will turn out to have been an act of Iraqi provocation. Iraqi troops Thursday evening bombarded Chamchamal, on the border between Baghdad and Kurdish controlled territory, where the paraffin incident is said to have taken place. Armoured Iraqi units are reported to have been massing near the town.



Water source: a deportee bringing water to the camp

Peres tells UN man expulsions justified

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

SHIMON Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, yesterday told a United Nations envoy that Israel would not submit to international pressure and take back more than 400 Palestinian deportees stranded in southern Lebanon.

The dovish Mr Peres said Israel did not want a showdown with the UN, but gave no indication that the latest UN mediation effort led by Chinmaya Gharekhan would resolve the deadlock. Mr Peres said: "All we wanted was to punish people who threatened our stability. We have never ignored the other problems like the humanitarian aspects, and we have not ignored our desire to avoid confrontation with the United Nations."

Israel did make a unilateral gesture in authorising two Red Cross officials to visit the deportees at their camp, yet the offer is unlikely to resolve the humanitarian problems there, nor will it satisfy the international community. Mr Gharekhan was encouraged by Israel's move but is unlikely to make much diplomatic headway when he meets Mr Rabin tomorrow in an effort to persuade Israel to observe the UN call for the return of the Palestinians to the occupied territories. Yesterday the Red Cross officials were forced by bad weather to postpone plans to fly to the camp from Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon.

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Unita digs in after losing key towns

BY SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

REBELS and Angolan government forces were locked in a battle yesterday for the central highland town of Cuito, near the guerrilla movement's headquarters, after heavy fighting across the country in which the government claimed to have gained the upper hand.

Angola's slide back into all-out civil war was hastening amid reports that United Nations peacekeepers were preparing to withdraw. Diplomats in Luanda said it was unlikely that the peacekeepers would stay after the UN mandate comes up for renewal at the end of the month.

"UN monitors have been evacuated from the provinces, and the main office in Luanda is drawing down," a Luanda-based diplomat told the Associated Press. "Neither side has shown respect for UN personnel in the field, and neither side has shown a good faith effort to stop fighting."

Yesterday Andre Pitra, Angola's interior minister, said in the Portuguese capital, Lisbon, that government generals had lost touch with their forces in Cuito and that it might have fallen to Unita. "The situation in Cuito is worrying, we have lost contact with the city," Mr Pitra said.

■ The United Nations mandate is up for renewal soon. There is doubt that its peace monitors will stay

The UN has had peacekeepers in Angola since the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) and the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) signed peace accords in May, 1991, after 16 years of a civil war that killed 350,000 people.

Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, earlier asked Washington to help arrange a meeting with government leaders, according to Jeffrey Davidow, the US Assistant Secretary of State. "I think the government has adopted a militaristic stance . . . that is the principal cause for the breakdown in talks," Mr Davidow said.

Before the government lost contact with Cuito, state radio said that numerous dead and wounded lay unattended. Victory for Unita in Cuito would be an important turn-around after a week in which the government overwhelmed the rebels in a dozen towns. At least 1,000 people were killed fighting for Benguela and Lobito in the south.

The Angolan army said yesterday that it had captured thousands of Unita soldiers. General Joao de Matos, the army chief of staff, said that if Dr Savimbi's men did not halt their operations the army would, "use all of its might against Unita in every corner of the country".

This is what the forces of President Dos Santos have been doing since launching their offensive against Unita last weekend. The government has used MiG jets and heavy artillery against lightly armed but mobile Unita positions.

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Rock of ages: Presley's daughter Lisa Marie, with the special 'Elvis' stamps

Elvis is stamped on US memory

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

HALF a million stamps bearing a picture of the young Elvis Presley went on sale in America yesterday, marking the culmination of a year-long publicity campaign by the debt-ridden US Post Office, which disproved the old adage that philately gets you nowhere.

Just after midnight on the day which would have been "The King's" 58th birthday, a two-hour ceremony to unveil the stamp was held at Elvis's home, Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee, centre of worship for fans. So many of the faithful had flocked to Graceland that the Memphis post office had to bring in a fleet of mobile post offices to meet the demand for commemorative postcards, while across the country hundreds queued to buy the 29-cent stamp.

"Elvis was king of the people," declared Marvin Runyon, the US Postmaster-General, "His fire, his excitement changed our culture."

About 800 people crammed into a tent in the Graceland car park for a ceremony that began with speeches, was interrupted when the floor collapsed under the weight of people (nobody was hurt), and ended with a vast fireworks display. One devotee said she was buying hundreds of stamps "to put them on our mail now and forever".

More than 100 news organisations covered the ceremony, in which Elvis's widow Priscilla and her daughter Lisa Marie made a rare public appearance to receive the first batch. America is expected to make at least $28 million (£18 million) through sales of related products, licensing fees and unused stamps, kept as souvenirs.

Elvis's fans have been demanding a commemorative stamp since his death in 1977, and last April the postal service held a competition asking the public to decide between a stamp showing the younger, leaner Elvis or one depicting the older, lumpier Elvis. The younger version was chosen.

Hindus set fire to sleeping Muslims

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

AT LEAST ten Muslims were burnt alive after Hindu mobs broke into their homes in a Bombay suburb before dawn yesterday and soaked them in paraffin as they slept.

The attack leaves little doubt that India's commercial capital is the next target of Hindu extremists, who are riding a wave of popularity across the northern Hindi-speaking heartland.

The army was called in to help police stop anti-Muslim rioting in several suburban areas. At least 40 people, mostly Muslims, have been stabbed to death in two days of violence.

Hindu hardliners are determined to carry the wave of Hindu revivalism beyond the northern heartland. The hardline Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has established a political presence in Bombay for the first time and has made inroads in the huge southern state of Andhra Pradesh, as well as in Karnataka and Kerala, areas which have not been touched by the religious politics of the north. There was also trouble in the western state of Gujarat, which the BJP sees as fertile territory for its anti-Muslim drive.

The BJP, whose traditional support is from the higher castes, is out-manoeuvering the governing Congress (I) party, which has displayed little central leadership and has been morally weakened by corruption scandals.

Hindu extremists said yesterday that they would fight government plans to build a mosque and temple near the site of the Babri mosque in Ayodhya, which was destroyed a month ago.

Warlords agree on conference

Addis Ababa: Somali warring factions meeting here reached agreement yesterday on holding a national reconciliation conference in the Ethiopian capital from April 15 to 18.

A member of the delegation of the warlord, Ali Mahdi Muhammad, said that the accord was reached after much pressure from the United Nations, the United States and Ethiopia.

Ali Mahdi, whose main rival is General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, had been holding out for implementation of a ceasefire before any agreement was reached on the conference. *(AFP)*

Army chief dies

Karachi: General Asif Nawaz, Pakistan's chief of army staff, who wielded considerable political influence, has died in Rawalpindi after a heart attack. He was 56. The Sandhurst-trained general had steered the army towards moderation on both domestic and international issues.

Reporters fired

New York: Mortimer Zuckerman, publisher of *US News and World Report*, has purchased the *New York Daily News*, formerly owned by Robert Maxwell, for $36.3 million (£23.6 million). He immediately fired 170 of the 540 journalists. *(AP)*

Replica built

Johannesburg: Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, has built a replica of the warder's house in which he spent the last two of his 27 years as a prisoner, at his birthplace in Qunu, Transkei, *The Star* in Johannesburg reported. *(Reuter)*

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Sanctions drive Serbs closer to strengthened Milosevic

Jaruzelski: West helped put end to martial law

*The international trade embargo on Belgrade has proved a political failure, argues **Roger Boyes**, East Europe correspondent*

AS THE West edges closer to military intervention in Iraq and Bosnia, it is becoming clear that economic sanctions have had almost no impact on a dictator, President Saddam Hussein, or on an elected authoritarian, Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader. The economies of both their countries are crippled — partly but not exclusively because of Western sanctions — yet if anything their leaders have become stronger politically.

Economic sanctions are a tempting instrument of policy for Western politicians since securing the necessary international consensus is relatively straightforward, certainly easier than gaining approval for the use of military force. But unless there is a clear understanding of the targeted society, sanctions are liable to punish peoples not governments, and even bring leaders closer to the led. And without a precise statement of what is expected in return for the lifting of sanctions, the Western trade curbs become merely part of the propaganda fabric of the regime.

In the Iraqi case, sanctions have spurred the search for food self-sufficiency — Iraq used to import 70 per cent of its food. Living standards have plunged, and basic food supplies have been rationed, although there is no hunger. Meanwhile, the Saddam river is being built, to irrigate additional agricultural land, and has created thousands of jobs. Saddam has also eased high unemployment by embarking on large reconstruction projects.

Sanctions are viewed as a malicious Western attempt to hold up the building of the country. The West is blamed for the lack of medicine, and above all for inflation. And Saddam's control of the media ensures that most people have no access to an alternative view.

Since Serbia has a coherent opposition — and even had a presidential candidate, Milan Panic, who could credibly promise to co-operate with the West — sanctions should have played an important part in destabilising Mr Milosevic. They have, however, done nothing of the kind. Instead, Belgrade street opinion complains about the injustice of the trade embargo.

Why, say ordinary Serbs, have sanctions not been imposed against the Croats, since they, too, admit to have been fighting in Bosnia? The ingenuity of the Serbs is channelled into smuggling. Oil reserves, thanks to illegal shipments along the Danube, and through Greece, are now ample to carry Serbia through the winter, though they may not be enough to support a full-scale war. "Serbia will neither freeze nor go hungry, nor will it place its state and national interests at the mercy of foreign pressure," said Mr Milosevic before last month's elections. It won him votes.

In part, at least, his re-election was the fault of the West, which neither plainly stated its preference for Mr Panic, nor said that his victory would lead to an easing of the sanctions.

Sanctions have to be both carrot and stick, and it is not at all obvious to the Serbs what they have to do to secure the lifting to sanctions. To stop the fighting in Bosnia? Serbs are sitting at the negotiating table. To stage a revolt against Mr Milosevic? To expect that would be unrealistic.

The economic sanctions imposed against Poland in 1982 were accompanied by plainly stated demands: the release of political prisoners; a dialogue with the Catholic Church; the reinstatement of Solidarity; and the lifting of martial law. As the Jaruzelski regime complied slowly with each demand, so one sanction after another was eased.

The Poles were better informed than are the Serbs and Iraqis — they drew almost all their information from Western radio — and broadly accepted any outside measures to get rid of martial law. Moreover, most realised that Poland's economic problems were derived from the country's vast indebtedness.

Sanctions, however, fossilised the Polish economy. Prisoners were released, but no progress was made on economic reform. As Serbia is finding, sanctions disrupt any progress towards the market, and perpetuate a high-spending war economy. At present, 550,000 working Serbs support the burden of 750,000 unemployed, 1.4 million on temporary lay-off, and 1.1 million pensioners. That necessitates wild printing of money, especially as the war in Bosnia has become a very costly enterprise.

Such economic chaos would, in a half-way democratic society, have led to the ousting of Mr Milosevic. Instead, the president, who controls state television as well as the central bank, blames lay-offs and hyperinflation on the West. Most Serbs believe him.

UN says Bosnians are stopping water supply reaching city

■ **Sarajevo cannot break the Serb stranglehold. By cutting utilities, the Bosnian Muslims hope to provoke Western intervention**

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

AS UNITED Nations negotiators prepared to meet Serbian, Bosnian Serb and Bosnian Muslim delegates tomorrow to try to reach a peace agreement, the Bosnian government was deliberately keeping water supplies from reaching Sarajevo in order to maintain pressure for a military intervention in the conflict, according to a senior UN official.

"They want to go to Geneva with the city under siege without water or electricity," the official said, adding that he was 80 per cent certain the Bosnians had refused to turn on the water. He said fellow UN experts were in agreement with this assessment.

Water to Sarajevo was cut off more than a month ago because of damage to a pumping station. The station was repaired over the past week but electricity to the facility, which is controlled by the Bosnians, has not been restored. A Bosnian presidency member denied that any utilities were being deliberately kept cut off. Without enough arms to break the rebel Serb stranglehold on the capital, the Bosnian government's only hope of saving the country is to prompt Western action, involving either direct military intervention or lifting the weapons embargo.

The European Community last night confirmed in an official interim report that rape was being used as a systematic weapon of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. As many as 20,000 Bosnian Muslim women may have been raped by Serb soldiers as part of a plan to enforce the "ethnic cleansing" of captured districts and to drive them and their families from their homes, an EC team appointed at last month's Edinburgh summit reported.

The four-page report was based on evidence from refugees in Croatia and aid organisations in Geneva. "The delegation frequently heard, including from individual witnesses, that a repeated feature of Serb attacks on Muslim towns and villages was the use of rape, or threat of rape, as a weapon of war to force the population to leave their homes," the report says.

"It's horrifying and very serious," one EC official said yesterday. "Soldiers are being ordered to go out and rape."

The investigation is not complete and the team, led by Dame Anne Warburton, a senior British diplomat, expects to visit Bosnia later this month. They said the number of credible reports of rape was "horrifying". Women were being raped in "particularly sadistic ways" to inflict maximum humiliation. The vast majority of victims were Muslims, but there were also "disturbing" reports of Croat and Serb women being raped and of sexual abuse of male prisoners in detention camps. Evidence strongly suggested that "many women, and more particularly children, may have died during rape".

In Sarajevo people were convinced the only way they could live peacefully was to defeat the people they consider to be terrorists. There was little optimism that the peace talks in Geneva would produce any political solution, irrespective of whatever treaties are signed. The overwhelming opinion was that the Geneva conference is nothing more than theatre performed to appease the conscience of the international community.

It was thought that the rebel Serbs, who now occupy almost 60 per cent of Bosnia, were ready to sign a peace accord in order to legitimise their territorial gains. "There is a problem now," said Ejup Ganic, a Bosnian presidency member, who was wearing his overcoat in the cold darkness of his office. "Either you save Bosnia or you save the conference. You can't do both."

Although the shelling of Sarajevo has lessened during the past month, living conditions have worsened because of the siege and the weather. "We are dying, whether they [the Serbs] are shelling or not," said Mr Ganic. "If they shell we die faster."

Taking note: Nexhmije Hoxha, widow of the Albanian communist dictator Enver Hoxha, listens to the indictment read at the opening day of her trial for corruption and bribery in Tirana yesterday. Mrs Hoxha, 72, denied the charges and demanded that her trial be broadcast live on television (John Phillips writes). Judge Muharrem Kushe said live coverage could prejudice the trial. Mrs Hoxha, who was arrested in December 1991, was a powerful communist in her own right and after the death of her husband in 1985 sought to prevent reform. Hers is the first trial of a leading member of the elite that kept Albania isolated from the world from 1945.

Russian leaders clash on reforms

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

BORIS Fyodorov, the new head of Russia's economic policy, yesterday pledged to fight for rapid reform despite calls from Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, for a more gradual and state-dominated approach to the transformation.

Mr Fyodorov, appointed deputy prime minister at the end of last year, said that he saw no need to correct the reform course embarked on by Yegor Gaidar, Mr Chernomyrdin's predecessor. He told Tass that liberal ministers had agreed to stay in the cabinet to stop reforms grinding to a halt, contradicting Mr Chernomyrdin, who earlier this week said that the shock-therapy recommended by the West had been a failure and had left Russia "thrashing about in cold water".

"I would say that there are no grounds for pessimism," said Mr Fyodorov, a former Russian finance minister and international banking expert. "Mind you, I did not say we had reason for excessive optimism either," he added.

Mr Fyodorov said his main priorities would be to boost the sagging rouble and strengthen the "social defences" of ordinary people impoverished by rampant inflation.

Mr Chernomyrdin also spoke of "a socially orientated economy", but indicated that he favours a looser monetary policy, leaving much of the vast and unprofitable state sector intact — a strategy which may well fuel inflation further. The new prime minister has wasted no time in criticising Mr Gaidar's record.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rifkind rules out withdrawal

Hong Kong: Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said after visiting British military units in Hong Kong and touring the frontier zone with China yesterday that there was no timetable for the withdrawal of British forces from the territory (James Pringle writes).

He also declined to rule out the possibility that of further military exercises such as Winged Dragon, which postulated a Chinese incursion into Hong Kong. It was postponed for feat it would offend China.

Mr Rifkind said the garrison was "a symbol of the continuing British sovereignty between now and 1997", when the colony reverts to Chinese rule.

Men charged

New York: Three white men have been charged with attempted murder after allegedly kidnapping a black tourist in Florida, soaking him with petrol and setting him alight. Christopher Wilson, 31, is in serious but stable condition.

Tanker crashes

Grenoble: At least ten people died when a tanker veered out of control at the end of a steep slope and crashed into three cars waiting at a traffic light in Eparres, near Grenoble, setting off a series of explosions, officials said. *(AFP)*

Law relaxed

Tokyo: Japan's fingerprinting requirement for permanent foreign residents has been relaxed after years of protests, but they must still supply photographs, signatures and family records. *(AP)*

German economy handed to banker

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN BONN

GERMANY'S Free Democratic Party yesterday chose Günter Rexrodt, a former banker and member of the Treuhand privatisation agency for former East Germany, as the country's next economics minister.

Herr Rexrodt, 51, a free marketeer, won 57 of the 97 votes at a joint meeting of the party's executive and parliamentary party. His name has been put to Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, currently abroad, who has promised to accept the nomination of the party, his allies in the ruling coalition, as the successor to Jürgen Möllemann.

Although the opposition Social Democrats denounced Herr Rexrodt as a "neo-liberal hardliner" who had shown himself inflexible in the Treuhand's controversial selling off of state enterprises in the east, many economists welcomed the choice. They said that as a former senator responsible for West Berlin's finances, he had a thorough grounding in economics.

More importantly, his experience in the east means that he fully appreciates the vast importance of reviving industry, employment and confidence in this devastated part of Germany. A telling accusation levelled at most Bonn politicians is that in their cosy surroundings they are unaware of the huge challenges unification has brought and the critical state of the economy in the east.

Herr Rexrodt, a Berliner, belongs to the right wing of the his party and has spent most of his career in industry and commerce, working most recently with Citibank in New York and Frankfurt. He is decisive, outspoken and a capable manager. Colleagues hope that he can restore something of the prestige of the economics ministry.

The new minister will take office at a time that quarrels over the so-called "solidarity pact" is holding up an emergency programme to pump Marshall Aid-style funds into the east. The government is supposed to be holding talks with the Social Democrats and trade unions on the drastic austerity measures needed to cut spending in the west to provide funds.

New Mussolini memoirs reveal secret British talks

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN historians are studying memoires by an aide de campe to Mussolini who says Il Duce twice had secret talks with British government envoys on the banks of Lake Lugano in 1944 to try to negotiate a fascist surrender.

Pietro Carradori, now 79, told *Gente* magazine that he accompanied the dictator and his driver, Cesarotti, to a villa owned by an Italian noble family to await the British envoys, who travelled from Switzerland. "The meetings took place by night at Porto Ceresio on Lake Lugano, in a villa a few hundred metres from the frontier with Switzerland," Signor Carradori was quoted as saying.

The discussions, Signor Carradori said, focused on the possibility of Mussolini negotiating a separate surrender with London for his northern Italian Fascist republic of Salò, which had been set up by the Nazis with Mussolini as puppet leader. "The first meeting took place in September, the second in December ... these meetings unfortunately ended without results because of the demands of the English, which Il Duce judged unacceptable," he said.

The memoires have sparked interest in Italy, where the media has been following closely the debate in Britain over the revisionist interpretation of Winston Churchill's war policies. Signor Carradori was not a senior Fascist official, carrying the rank of *attendente* to the dictator, a position somewhere between aide de campe and bodyguard. He joined Il Duce's entourage at the Palazzo Venezia in 1940. In June 1942 he became Mussolini's personal attendant. *La Stampa* newspaper described him as "Mussolini's shadow".

Mussolini: lakeside meetings alleged

Renzo De Felice, a historian and one of Italy's leading authorities on the Fascist period, said he was moderately sceptical about the memoire but the idea of such negotiations in September 1944 made more sense than in December. "Mussolini certainly thought about finding a way out of the war," Professor De Felice told the *Corriere della Sera*.

Speculation about secret negotiations between Mussolini and Britain has been rife in Italy for decades. Italian experts hope that British official records will provide decisive evidence.

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Churchill's vital strategy meeting with Roosevelt 50 years ago represented the summit of his wartime career, argues Alistair Horne

When the emperors laid out their plans

Casablanca was the last such conclave at which the British would be the dominant partners

Casablanca

On January 12, 1943, Winston Churchill set forth on one of the most historic missions of the war. He flew to Casablanca to confer with President Roosevelt amid such secrecy that for two weeks the best informed allied journalists believed he was in Washington.

Churchill's newly-appointed minister resident in Algiers, Harold Macmillan, christened the two potentates "the Emperor of the East and the Emperor of the West"; it was indeed, he wrote: "like a meeting of the later period of the Roman empire". In their encampment, he found the two emperors massively protected by guards with tommy guns and sawn-off shotguns.

The object of the conference was to draw up allied strategic plans for the rest of the war. Casablanca itself had been liberated only two months previously (coinciding with the release of that great movie of the same name), and it looked at last as though the tide was on the turn. After more than three years of unrelieved British defeats, Montgomery had beaten Rommel at El Alamein the previous October and was now closing on Tripoli; at Stalingrad the Red Army had just completed the encirclement of Paulus's doomed Sixth Army. In the Pacific, America had wrested the initiative from Japan.

For Churchill it was to be the last conference where the British would be the dominant partners. Infinitely better prepared than their inexperienced American partners, they had dispatched a 6,000-ton liner, packed with HQ staff, well in advance of the conference — to the discomfiture of the US team.

Churchill and his Chief of the Imperial General Staff (CIGS), General Alan Brooke, also came knowing very clearly what they wanted. Top of the agenda was the need to gain Roosevelt's endorsement of the principle of Germany first. Highest priority was to combat the U-Boat nightmare in the North Atlantic — the one battle-front where Hitler was still winning. Without a solution to the U-Boat "wolf packs", no second front could be launched in Europe. The British military chiefs, with their grim memories of Dunkirk, argued strongly that, rather than launch a premature invasion across the English Channel (Roundup, its optimistic codename) the main effort for 1943 should be in the Mediterranean, against Hitler's tottering partner, Mussolini.

Confronting them were Admiral King, the powerful US Navy chief, who wanted all resources switched to the Pacific, and the US Army Chief-of-Staff, General Marshall, who pressed for Roundup before the end of 1943. This in turn reflected relentless Soviet pressures for a second front. Roosevelt himself was ever suspicious of British imperial designs in the Mediterranean. However, influential support for the British case came from General Eisenhower, who argued that it would be foolish to waste the vast build-up in North Africa.

An unexpected wild card at the conference, and the only source of major discord between the two emperors, was General de Gaulle. Despite the unpredictable pirouettes of this prickly prima donna, which were capable of driving Churchill to paroxysms of rage, Britain had supported de Gaulle since 1940. Roosevelt, on the other hand, had insisted on maintaining diplomatic links with Vichy France, and was now backing General Giraud, whom Macmillan had dubbed an "old-fashioned, but charming colonel, who would grace the Turf Club" and a man of "no political sense". Acting at his haughtiest, de Gaulle at first had refused the invitation to Casablanca — until warned by Churchill: "We shall endeavour to get on as well as we can without you . . . "

On January 22, as the conference was winding up, de Gaulle finally arrived — at his arrogant worst, and provoking Churchill to shake a finger in his face and lapse into his famous franglais: *"Mon General, il ne faut pas obstacler la guerre!"* After all-night diplomacy by Macmillan, the rival French generals were bullied into a compromise, and produced before the allied press. In a picture which went round the world, de Gaulle and Giraud were made to shake hands "with the best approach to a smile that they could manage". Roosevelt found the scene hilarious, and dubbed it henceforth "the shotgun wedding".

It was, however, a joke that turned sour. To de Gaulle it was an intolerable insult, the legacy of which was to be found many years later in his rejection of *les anglo-saxons* (the British, of course, were lumped with the Americans). Both at Casablanca and later, Macmillan fought hard and successfully to save de Gaulle from the combined wrath of Churchill and Roosevelt. Yet, never strong on gratitude, de Gaulle was to administer the greatest rebuff in Macmillan's premiership 20 years later, when he slammed the door on British entry into the Common Market.

Casablanca ended on a note of supreme amity and good humour, never quite to be repeated in subsequent allied conclaves. In many ways, it represented the summit of Churchill's wartime career. Whatever the latest revisionist view of his leadership, he had imposed on Roosevelt the British blueprint almost in its entirety. The invasion of Normandy would be delayed until June 1944 — wisely. Perhaps less wisely, a large portion of Anglo-American striking power would be committed to slogging unprofitably, up through Italy.

One American general growled: "We came, we listened and we were conquered." It was in the years to come, as Roosevelt allowed himself increasingly to be duped by Stalin, that Churchill's real troubles began. Of greatest historic consequence, however, were two words let slip by Roosevelt at the final press conference — "unconditional surrender" by the Axis. Initially Churchill claimed to have been taken totally by surprise by Roosevelt's initiative; but later he admitted he had been consulted at some earlier stage, and had (improbably) forgotten. The war cabinet, back in London, refused Churchill's signalled request to have Italy, already longing to get out of the war, excluded from the unconditional surrender clause, for the best of practical (and diplomatic) reasons.

The philosophy behind unconditional surrender — given that any negotiation with Hitler was inconceivable — was to avoid repetition of the snares and delusions resulting from Woodrow Wilson's over-generous 14-points offer to the Germans in the first world war. It also reflected very real American fears that Russia, and even Britain, might yet be forced into negotiations for a separate peace, leaving it to fight on alone against the combined might of Germany and Japan.

Historians have argued ever since about the relative merits of the concept of unconditional surrender. Probably it did delay the Italian surrender, thereby enabling the Germans to oppose the allied landings south of Rome.

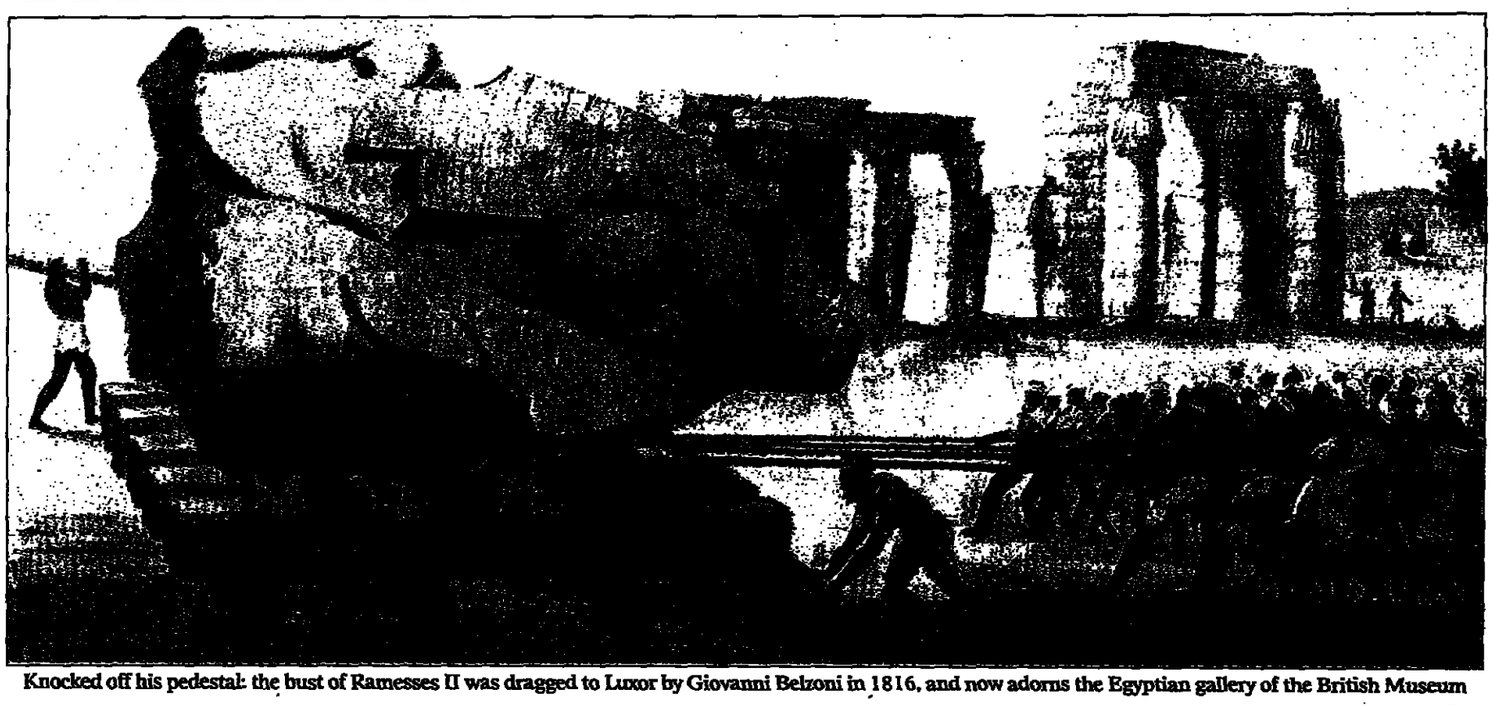
Further, even after the crushing disaster in Normandy in 1944 and unbelievable losses in the East, still Hitler was able to raise 12 new divisions from schoolchildren and old men. Would the Germans have fought on with such fanatical enthusiasm inside Germany itself until the very end of the war without the no-hope menace of unconditional surrender hanging over their heads? The questions remain unanswered; but possibly the gravest criticism of Churchill at Casablanca in 1943 may be that he too readily accepted this initiative of Roosevelt's.

As the conference broke up, Churchill persuaded his fellow emperor to drive the four hours across the desert, to exotic Marrakesh, to share his artist's delight at the sunset tinting red the snow on the distant Atlas. It was a high moment in the special relationship — and almost a case of never glad confident morning again.

Alistair Horne, the official biographer of Harold Macmillan, is currently attending an American-sponsored 50th-anniversary replay of the Casablanca Conference.

Dead and dismembered on the Nile

Simon Jenkins, just back from Egypt, says it is time Europe returned its stolen monuments



Knocked off his pedestal: the bust of Ramesses II was dragged to Luxor by Giovanni Belzoni in 1816, and now adorns the Egyptian gallery of the British Museum

Two trunkless legs of stone/Stand in the desert . . . Near them on the sand,/Half sunk, a shattered visage lies." Not for long, it didn't. – Shelley's lines on Ozymandias were stimulated by the impresario excavator, Belzoni, who had dragged the huge bust of Ramesses II from Luxor to London for public display. It now stands beaten but unbowed in the British Museum's splendid Egyptian gallery. "Nothing beside remains," Shelley continued. He was wrong. The bust's torso, snapped off at the chest, is still there in the sand. Its twin lies next to it, relic of another decapitation, and behind rises the stupendous Ramesseum temple.

To visit the monuments of the upper Nile is exhilarating but desperately sad. They greet the burgeoning winter tourists with gap-toothed smiles. And the gaps are not just those of age but of a century of stripping to fill the museums of Europe (and later Cairo). The removals have ceased but the holes are awful. The vast Temple of Luxor, one of world's noblest places of worship, had one of its great entrance obelisks torn out in 1836 to adorn the Place de la Concorde in Paris. The other remains, lopsiding the entire symmetry of the building.

A mile downstream at Karnak, poor Amenophis III is represented by his legs. The rest of his anatomy is not lost but scattered: his head, arm and fist came to rest in Bloomsbury. At Philae above Aswan the Ptolemies created the beautiful island temple to Isis. When it was moved in the 1970s to avoid the rising waters — its *son et lumière* is without equal — nobody thought to return its obelisk. After surviving in the desert since 300 BC, this is now sadly eroding in the rain at Kingston Lacy in Dorset.

Time was when museums would claim, often rightly, that the Egyptians were unable to conserve their monuments and that taking them was the best way of saving them. Wealthy collectors could buy monuments on the open market, or cajole permits from Ottoman officials who cared little for the heritage of those they ruled. Even Unesco, when it pondered "restitution" in 1970, suggested the return only of cultural artefacts that had not been legitimately acquired.

All this is going to change. What is currently called the rising tide of nationalism will overwhelm all question of ownership rights. Like the Elgin Marbles, the great treasures of Mesopotamia and the Nile will be demanded back by peoples seeking to reassert their identity and rightly recognising in these monuments their unique gift to civilisation.

Most were removed by wealth (sometimes by stealth). Why should wealth, if not diplomacy, never get them back? Where is the equity in that? If museum statutes are an obstacle, change them.

The old arguments against restitution are wearing thin. Tourism and television are making the monuments of the Nile accessible to millions who previously could appreciate them only as museum pieces. Egyptian conservators, assisted by colleagues abroad, are capable. The Egyptian air, at least beyond Cairo, is cleaner by far than the fumes of London, Paris or Manhattan in which many obelisks now reside.

In addition, the art of facsimile is now advanced. The Italians are copying more and more of their open-air statuary to protect it from pollution. If Londoners wish to gaze on Ramesses II or Cleopatra's Needle, if Parisians are (improbably) in love with the Luxor obelisk, they can make do with copies. The originals "belong" to the temples and gods for which they were designed. It is absurd that the marvellous Sekhmet lion goddesses in the British Museum should be forever condemned to a gloomy London staircase with only a fire extinguisher, a tannoy box and a wooden doorcase for company. They should be basking resplendent in the sun of Thebes.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of removal, it is aesthetically offensive for monumental works to be left scattered round museums when the means exist to reassemble, conserve and display them back where they were meant to be. How can we say to the Egyptians that the Sphinx's beard, sitting in a glass case in London, cannot in any circumstances go back to Giza; that Ramesses will not see again his Luxor pedestal in the sand; that the obelisks given away by obsequious Ottoman governors, may never rise into a clear African sky but must mark road junctions in Paris and Rome.

The worm is beginning to turn. The Hungarian crown jewels have returned from America to Hungary. King Priam's treasure is to go from Moscow back to Berlin, and I would hope one day back to Turkey whence Schliemann dubiously removed it. States in the old Dutch East Indies are getting back their ancestral relics from the Dutch. The Maoris want theirs back too.

The more ancient monarchs of museumland shudder at this talk. Where will it all end, they wail, as preamble to demanding that "it" never even begin. But it has begun and the demands are certain to become more radical. The best way of countering them must be pre-emption. Unesco, whose 1960s saving of the Nubian temples was masterly, might redeem its recent poor image by drawing up a convention on what might, and would or should not, be returned.

I believe restitution should be restricted to two categories. First are "crown jewels", objects taken abroad, however legitimately, that are seen as part of a nation's identity. This might include the stone sarcophagi of which most pharaonic tombs have been denuded. Egypt's equivalent of Henry VII's tomb at Westminster, that of Seti I from Luxor, now rests incongruously in London's Soane Museum. Here is red meat for some international certification committee.

The second category would be large monuments and architectural statuary taken from ruins now able to be restored. Pillars from the Acropolis dispersed round the globe, like the Egyptian colossi and obelisks, should in principle be returned to the buildings from which they were torn. Original bits of buildings should not be museum objects, however valuable the role of museums in saving them from destruction. Where they can be appreciated *in situ*, *in situ* is where they should be.

Conservation, pollution control and public display should be prerequisites for all restitution. Western museums should be encouraged, and assisted, to help poorer countries prepare for it. The British Museum, which already does sterling work with Third World museums, might steal a march on the extremists with a list of potentially restitutable objects in Britain. Either way, this is the cultural diplomacy of nationalism and it will not go away.

I believe that cultural diplomacy will come to dominate international relations far more than the old warhorses of economics and politics. The more people are on the move, voluntarily or as refugees, the more they will grasp at tangible memorials of their collective past. Hence the boom in ethnic identity in the former communist bloc. Where memorials have been taken from such people, the more fiercely will they fight to get them back.

The Theban hills are haunted by the ghosts of alien collectors, flitting over the ruins and crying "mine, mine". Today they might address the teeming tourists with "Look on my works ye mighty, and despair." But surely not despair for ever.

Father Muggeridge

FOR MALCOLM Muggeridge the road to Rome was long and rocky, culminating in his conversion to catholicism only five years before his death at the age of 87 in 1990. For his grandson, Matthew, the path has been much more direct. Muggeridge junior is in the eternal city training to be a priest with the Legionaires of Christ.

Surprisingly, perhaps, it was not his famous grandfather who was the decisive influence on his life but Muggeridge's long-suffering widow, Kitty. "I talked more to my grandmother," says Matthew, 23, who lived for a time in Canada where Kitty is now based. But he believes that his grandfather would have been pleased about his decision. "Before he died we spoke about it and he was supportive".

Muggeridge senior enjoyed a celebrated life of agnosticism and good living before his conversion but some of his best known work dealt with the Roman Catholic faith, including his book *Conversion: A Spiritual Journey* and his film on Mother Teresa of Calcutta. After visiting a Cistercian monastery in Scotland, he declared: "I have rarely been with such talkative and agreeable men."

Muggeridge junior is grateful to his grandfather for one important introduction. "My grandfather met the Pope and it was through him that I met Mother Teresa."

Lady Longford, who acted as a sponsor for the Muggeridges' reception into the church, is "delighted" that Matthew is to be a priest. While she does not claim to have inspired the elder Muggeridge's conversion, she was similarly delighted when it happened. "We saw him often in church," she says, "But it took him some time to get there".

Tinker, tailor . . .

THE plot could have come straight from a John Le Carré novel. Two novelists, Robert Harris and Graham Lord, have been signed up by rival publishers to write what both their publicists proclaim will be the definitive biography of the master thriller writer.

But their claims will be hard to justify. Le Carré, who is notoriously shy about his private life, has washed his hands of both projects. "I have absolutely no enthusiasm for it and I will provide no assistance to either writer," he says.

Neither author has been put off by the rebuff. Lord, who has been signed by Little Brown and who recently chronicled the life and times of Jeffrey Bernard, was writing a letter to Le Carré yesterday to try to persuade him to change his mind.

Harris, author of *Fatherland*, has already stolen a march over his rival. "I signed a deal with Hutchinson 18 months ago and have done initial research. I wrote to Mr Le Carré two years ago. I bumped into him last year and we spoke briefly about it."

But Le Carré remains unimpressed. "I said then that I have no interest in the project". Rupert Cornwell, Le Carré's brother and a journalist on *The Independent*, has not heard from either biographer. "There have been rumours swirling around for a year now that there is some great biography in the works. No one has approached me. I am not sure that I would co-operate anyway."

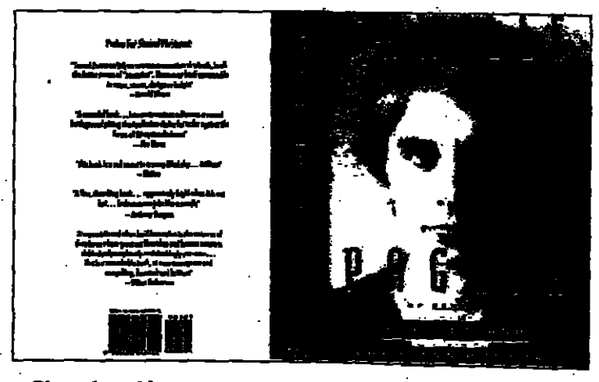
Le Carré, who always likes a conspiracy, could always confound both men and write his autobiography. "He may well. Who knows?" says Cornwell.

● *London Tourist Board is running a £2.2 million campaign to promote the capital as the world's top family holiday centre. Prince Edward launched the campaign in Madame Tussauds on Thursday night. A spokeswoman for London Tourist Board said: "London is the place of family togetherness where you can enjoy great family holidays." Speaking from the Great Hall, which is home to waxworks of his twice married sister, his two estranged sister-in-laws, and his divorced aunt, Prince Edward began: "I don't know on what merit I have been brought here tonight".*

Cui bono?

WINSTON Churchill's dictum that clever boys should "learn Latin as an honour and Greek as a treat" has been taken to heart by the education committee of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, which this week backed a recommendation for Latin to be taught in its schools. Currently the borough employs no classics masters.

The lack of Latin in the national curriculum has already caused much gnashing of academic teeth. Sir Nicholas Goodison, the former Stock Exchange chairman and a patron of Friends of the Classics, says: "There has been a decline in literacy and I think the lack of Latin is one reason for that". Holland Park School, which until five years ago taught Latin, will not discuss the matter. Tony Benn's wife Caroline, who is a governor of the school, is less reticent. She believes Latin is "very valuable, particularly for language students. It should be available for students of 16 and over. But for that to happen there needs to be more funding and that is a long way off." O tempora, O mores!



● Given the subject matter — date rape, sexual harassment, Marlon Brando and Madonna — it was perhaps inevitable that Professor Camille Paglia's latest book *Sex, Art and American Culture*, would cause a stir. But literary eyebrows were raised when Viking, Paglia's publisher, ordered the newly published book to be returned from bookshops on Thursday, and cancelled the author's publicity tour. The problem is apparently not the content, but the book cover, which has upset Paglia. According to Viking's publicity manager Rosie Glaisher, Paglia's face is shaded too darkly. Viking omitted the word "essays" from the title and the lettering on the front cover is the "wrong shade of red".

● *Talk about declining family values. According to results just published from the 1991 census, 21,000 people did not realise they had a baby in their home on census night last April. The Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys says it is an easy mistake to make. "It's all quite new to them and they probably just forgot."*

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CHEQUERED VISION

This is the weekend for John Major to take stock of himself

A prime minister who so quietly rose to power and who so noisily fell from grace has a chance in the next three days to find a level of political noise that he can more happily maintain. There is no point in the much-publicised conference of his domestic policy advisers at Chequers unless it looks well beyond the bungles and humiliations of the past six months.

There are lessons in the Treasury's mishandling of ERM, Michael Heseltine's mishandling of pit closures, almost everyone's mishandling of the Matrix Churchill affair, and David Mellor's mishandling of Mr Major and himself. But the aim now must be to look beyond the detail of disasters to the principles for avoiding them.

Mr Major still has substantial advantages. His fundamental rapport with the public as a quiet, courteous and sincere political leader has not been too seriously damaged by the political errors of late 1992 and the weakness that he showed as they rushed on out of control. The prime minister has a modest personal agenda for change in Britain. It is time that we saw more of it.

It is not enough to go in for yet another reshuffle of the cabinet; rapid ministerial turnover is part of the problem, not part of the solution. John Major needs to look at the way in which ministers and civil servants go about forming policy. Changes are needed in Whitehall which will make the division of responsibilities between ministers and officials more apparent. Senior civil servants must be made explicitly responsible for areas of policy where they have real influence. More must be put on shorter contracts; the good need greater rewards, the under-performers need swifter removal.

John Major does have a germinating philosophy. He is not a Butskellite. He is a post-Thatcherite politician who believes in the achievements of his predecessor and is seeking to develop them. The uncompleted business of the Eighties includes coal and rail — the hard cases. The prime minister's problem with the Thatcher legacy arises not because he is at odds with it. It is that Thatcherism raised expectations for overarching themes, powerful rhetoric, and a sense of achievement. It is these which the prime minister has yet to show that he can provide. Without a Keith Joseph or even a Chris Patten the identity of Majorism is underdeveloped: and part of the Thatcher legacy is a need for philosopher kings.

The essence of Majorism is a simple but admirable dictum. It can be stated in three words: modernising Britain's institutions. In education, in health, in transport, in local government, in all the areas covered by the worthy but still unconvincing Citizen's Charter, this is what Majorism seems to mean. Under this rubric John Major can validate his achievements to date and address the next set of issues: freedom of information, Whitehall reform, giving Britain a sensible administrative relationship with Brussels. That last issue should be grasped before the agony of the EC presidency for all ministers becomes forgotten. Under this heading too can be slotted other items left unfinished by Thatcherism, including a proper reform of the welfare state: for a shrewd politician like John Major will not allow Labour to steal this issue.

It should be a matter for concern that tiny New Zealand has in recent years equipped itself with an independent and accountable central bank, has reformed its welfare state, introduced the equivalent of Britain's Next Step civil service changes, and is well on the way to a fresh look at electoral reform. If Britain is not careful, it will find that the traditional, tired, stale and underperforming post-imperial systems that prevail at home have been reformed elsewhere with a deft quietness that could have been borrowed directly from Mr Major himself.

DEMOCRACY UNDER THE GUN

Keep the peace-keeping umbrella open when the rain starts

The most poignant of the party campaign posters before last September's elections in Angola read: "Make Angola a garden of love." After more than 16 years of civil war which had killed perhaps half a million people, war-weariness was the factor that united Angolans as they voted. The desire for peace was the issue that cut across tribal barriers. But the prospect of peace has receded steadily ever since the results were announced. Unita took to Luanda's streets and MPLA forces responded with a massacre. This weekend, amid bitter fighting, the government is hinting at a general mobilisation for all-out war. The leader of the Unita rebels, Jonas Savimbi, has spoken of the "Somalisation" of Angola.

Angola, along with Namibia, was the testing bed in Africa for post-Cold-war superpower diplomacy in the late 1980s, as the Soviet-American rivalry that had provided the oxygen for so many conflicts gave way to Soviet-American peacemaking. Once settlements had been brokered, the United Nations was given the task of supervising the transition to independence in Namibia, and the first elections in Angola's history.

A return to war in Angola would make ending the strife in Mozambique even more difficult than it already is. It would be disastrous for southern Africa, for the prestige of the United Nations, and for the new-found international confidence in the benefits of external mediation.

The immediate cause of the renewed bloodshed is Dr Savimbi's refusal to accept electoral defeat. The MPLA victory in the parliamentary elections was clear-cut: in the presidential race, the MPLA leader José Eduardo dos Santos narrowly failed to win an absolute majority. The elections were not so flawed as to distort the results. Dr Savimbi, who claimed for 16 years to be fighting for free elections, was entitled to insist on a second round of presidential voting, but not to take up the gun again. He would not, however, have been able to do so were it not for the failure by the UN to implement key elements of the peace accord efficiently.

The UN was charged with demobilising and disarming the rival MPLA and Unita armies and retraining a new national force. This job was, at best, half done; both sides kept secret arms caches; and when Unita denied access to parts of the areas it controlled the UN made discretion the better part of valour. The unified army was never more than a fiction. The UN's second error was to press ahead with the elections, knowing that this vital task was incomplete. Losing elections, in Africa, is associated with exile or worse; both sides went ahead with the polls because they were convinced they would win. In Angola, there was always a strong chance that the loser would prefer war to accepting defeat.

The truth was that the UN was never funded or equipped to do the job properly, and settled for second best. The lesson the world should learn is not that mediation in civil wars is impossible, but that it cannot be done on the cheap.

The UN secretary-general wants Mr Dos Santos and Dr Savimbi to meet in Geneva to talk peace. If they do not, the UN Security Council has backed his threat to withdraw the UN monitoring group, whose mandate expires at the end of this month. This would be defeatist. For all the ferocity of the fighting this week, both sides know their supporters are sick of war. Neither has ruled out going ahead with the second, decisive round of the presidential elections. The UN may not have the muscle to put the 1991 agreement back on track, but it provides an international umbrella for governments that exercise real influence. The umbrella should not be put away when the rain starts falling.

BULLY FOR BOLSHOI

Don't knock the notion of ballet for the busloads

The big curtain goes up tonight on an adventure and an experiment. The Bolshoi Ballet opens a five-week season at the Albert Hall, which has been converted for the occasion from amphitheatre into theatre with proscenium arch, and simulates the crimson and golden grandeur of its home in Moscow. Even as converted, the Albert Hall is putting on sale 3,800 tickets for each performance, and the costs of the caper are about £3m. The aim, apart from making an honest penny, is to introduce ballet to masses as yet untouched by the magic of dance, in the same way that gargantuan stereophonic opera in vast arenas, with attendant camels, jugglers and the mass market techniques of pop concerts, has recently become popular.

When the Bolshoi first came West in 1956, it took London by storm by its athleticism and spectacle and exoticism. There was repugnance at the Spartan regimentation of totalitarian state art. Top dancers regularly defected. But it was different, and, in its 200-year-old tradition, the best in the world. In the same style, the Red Army choir, and Ukrainian folk-dancers, and the Russian circus did their things in a bigger and more disciplined way than anything on this side of the Iron Curtain.

Bolshoi means big in Russian, and big is what the punters will get. Fastidious dance purists grumble. The Bolshoi is not the force that it once was. Its dancers, from being pampered state serfs, are touring in the marketplace on £20 a day, sustained by tins of Russian tuna-fish. Its director for the past generation is set in his ways of heroic spectacle and fantastic feats, which seem ponderous set beside the finesse and precise footwork of Western dancing, and has created nothing new for a decade. The programme consists of 40-minute highlights from such golden oldies as *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*. It is not cheap, with gallery standing room costing £15 a back-ache.

Nevertheless, it is a mistake for terpsichorean snobs to sneer. Russia still excels at grand populist spectacle, in the over-the-top way that Russians and Eastern Europeans created Hollywood. The Bolshoi is not on its last legs, but still a leaping myth. The footwork may be sloppy and the theatricals unsophisticated. Their repertoire is limited. But they still dance with wild Russian soul, like no other dancers on earth. Britons who never go to the ballet will turn out at the Albert Hall for the Bolshoi, to say that they were there, in the same way that they might claim to have read a book. Some of them may end up being hooked for life by the magic of bodies in motion to music. Dull would he be of soul who did not thrill to the leaping emotion and mass discipline of the brave, brassy, Bolshoi dancers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Environment and safety lessons of Shetland oil spill

From Mr Chris Rose and others

Sir, Had the government learnt the lessons of the *Exxon Valdez* and *Aegean Sea* disasters and had it listened to professional mariners, environmentalists, a House of Commons committee and local people, the wrecking of the MV *Braer* could have been so easily avoided.

The terms of reference of the government enquiry fall woefully short of the major review of oil transport that is required. The unacceptable proximity of large numbers of oil tankers to areas of high environmental value must be addressed.

Exclusion zones should be extended to ensure that ships carrying hazardous cargoes such as oil are not allowed to navigate through treacherous coastal waters or near sensitive wildlife sites. We would urge a review of routes in UK and EC waters for all such vessels. The proposed enquiry should be held in public.

A much stronger position should be taken by the UK within the International Maritime Organisation, pressing for action on the questions of unlimited liability, higher safety standards for tankers, enforcement of regulations in exclusion areas and levying of appropriate penalties.

We are concerned that the government is planning a major extension of oil exploration activity around the UK coast. It has actually relaxed regulations to make exploration easier in areas internationally renowned for wildlife, such as the Moray Firth, Cardigan Bay and the north Norfolk coast. Environmentalists have repeatedly warned against the folly of such policies.

The UK's dependence on oil should now be seriously examined. The environmentally damaging effects of oil range from the poisoning of wildlife through oil spills to the risk of major climate change — the latter as a result of the release of carbon dioxide from the burning of oil.

It is imperative that the government's current review of energy policy subjects oil to comprehensive scrutiny for its total environmental impacts and emphasises the development of an environmentally benign energy policy.

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ANDREW LEES
(Friends of the Earth),
GEORGE MEDLEY
(World Wide Fund for Nature),
BARBARA YOUNG
(Royal Society for the Protection of Birds),
Greenpeace UK,
Canonbury Villas, N1.
January 8.

From Sir William Lithgow

Sir, Safety standards in the world shipping industry are inconsistent, but minimum standards can be enforced by ports refusing entry to unacceptable vessels. Shetland as a whole was given powers that discourage the chartering of poor performers where there is a possibility of loading there.

Were standards enforced uniformly throughout the whole port state — the United Kingdom — shipping practice in the North Atlantic area would be profoundly affected. This is a matter for the government of an island nation, since competitive ports cannot readily discriminate. In today's world it is the port state, not flag state, that can impose a necessary discipline; our European partners would be encouraged to follow a British lead.

We hear more about the fate of guillemots and Lloyd's names than of ocean-going seamen, some 800 of whom are lost annually. Safety is about the quality of management, crew and ships together. The International Maritime Organisation, the International Labour Organisation and classification societies cannot alone prevent the deterioration and the fragmentation of international shipping.

Our British government, so long weak as water, could take action now to require all British ports to blackball at the discretion of a licensed harbour master, as at Sullom Voe. The knock-on effect within the programming of cargo movement would change the way in which the market works. Is it not the job of government to balance the effect of free competition with the public interest?

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM LITHGOW,
PO Box 2, Port Glasgow,
Renfrewshire.
January 6.

From Mr Quentin Bargate and Mr Andrew Murray

Sir, Major oil spills focus the public's attention on the ship, her owners and charterers and it is tempting to blame them, and them alone, for the consequences of such tragedies as the wreck of the *Braer*. The reality may be more complex: shipowners and charterers are only links in a long and complex chain, in which others, including end-users, must also accept some responsibility for the consequences of the trade in oil.

It is being widely suggested that the grounding may in some way be linked to the lowering of crewing standards. However, no negligence by the crew has been established and it is simply chauvinistic to assume that national crews, or crews of one race, must inevitably be better than multi-national or foreign crews. The important point is to ensure that crews of whatever nationality are properly trained and certified.

It is also being suggested that the UK should adopt unilateral legislation, along the lines of the US Oil Pollution Act, imposing standards on ships calling at British ports or traversing British waters. The US Act has, however, run into serious difficulties in its implementation and has been widely criticised throughout the shipping industry.

While the Act's imposition of certain technical standards, such as compulsory double hulls, may initially appear sensible, it is important (as the International Maritime Organisation recognises) that alternative technical solutions, such as the mid-deck design, are also examined and evaluated. International agreement on standards is surely preferable to unilateral action by individual states which may lead to conflict between a multitude of national regimes.

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN BARGATE,
ANDREW MURRAY,
Simmons & Simmons (solicitors),
14 Dominion Street, EC2.
January 6.

From the Director General of the British Nuclear Forum

Sir, We should not permit fuel tankers to enter our waters if their design is such that there is a real risk of engine-failure. No doubt we should also insist that they are double-hulled, but a severe impact will pierce both hulls and so the more important thing is to maintain motive power. The *Braer* would not have hit the rocks had it had a back-up system capable of coping with engine failure.

Increasingly, nowadays, factories are required by law to perform safety analyses and take any additional safety measures which these analyses show to be necessary, all with the objective of protecting the workers, the public and the environment from harm. The techniques they use were first developed for aircraft and later applied to nuclear power stations.

It was industrial accidents such as those at Seveso and Flixborough that led to the application of these safety measures to industrial installations including land-based fuel storage facilities, such as those at Canvey Island. We should insist that fuel tankers which skirt our shores or visit our ports are just as carefully screened.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GITTUS,
Director General,
British Nuclear Forum,
22 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
January 7.

From Mr E. A. Sturmer

Sir, The most frightening thing about the wreck of the *Braer* is that, when all the fuss has died down, we may all again lapse into the warm feeling that the politicians and experts must be right when they assure us that under *no circumstances whatsoever could such a disaster ever happen to a nuclear waste-laden boat (or train, or lorry, or underground store)*. I, for one, will remain unconvinced.

Yours faithfully,
E. A. STURMER,
Whistle Brook Farm,
Slapton Lane, Northall,
Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

Customers paying through the nose

From Mrs Christina Speight

Sir, Janet Daley's assertion of scandalous food profits in Britain (article, January 5) is amply supported by a survey carried out by the French business publication *L'Expansion* which lists the world's 20 largest distributors by turnover and, where available, by profit.

Eight of these distributors are American, with profit margins ranging from 3.7 per cent (Kroger) to 0.5 per cent (J. C. Penney); two are Japanese with margins of 3.9 per cent and 3.8 per cent; four are French with 1.8 per cent (Leclerc), 1.2 per cent (Carrefour) and 0.8 per cent (Promodes) and one with undeclared profits. Four companies are German but profit figures are not available for these, though German distributors are reported to work on the lowest margins in Europe.

Meanwhile Sainsbury, ranked no.17 by turnover, produces a margin of 5.0 per cent and Tesco (no.20) realises 5.6 per cent.

The recent selective price-cuts can thus be seen for what they are, a smokescreen to hide the continuing rip-off.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA SPEIGHT,
20 Ramillies Road, W4.
January 5.

From Mr L. A. Quaranto

Sir, Like Janet Daley, I also am an expatriate American. Her article hit a favourite target of mine, evident since my day of arrival to reside in this country some 3½ years ago.

Not only is the average British citizen "gouged" by so-called British "business" (i.e., permitted oligarchies/monopolies) in terms of the cost of basic commodities (housing, food, transport, energy), but the lack of emphasis on customer service which permeates the utilities, retail and repair trades has caused many expatriate residents (not just from America) to refer to the United Kingdom as "the best disguised third-world country on Earth" and to the British as "professional victims".

In my view, the British deserve much better than they get. I am absolutely astounded at their reluctance to demand a better standard of life and redress against obvious grievances. Surely the British must recognise this by now, nearly 50 years after a war in which they sacrificed so much to preserve what they had *then*.

To be brow-beaten into accepting a continuing post-second world war lifestyle in the 1990s is clearly unacceptable.

Sincerely,
LEONARD ANTHONY QUARANTO,
55 Shawfield Street, Chelsea, SW3.

Unemployment's blight

From Mr George Scales

Sir, Dr McKay (letter, December 30) invites economists to rectify the anomaly that replacing personnel with machines may make an enterprise more profitable, but because of the resultant unemployment cost, there may well be a net loss nationally.

The harsh but realistic answer is to reduce unemployment benefit.

Industries which support excess labour to avoid unemployment become uncompetitive. If that were not so, all employers could be obliged to increase their labour force by a sufficient percentage to eliminate unemployment altogether.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE SCALES
(Member, Economic and Social Research Council),
Cobblers Pieces,
Abbess Roding, Ongar, Essex.

Otters' return

From Mr Will Harris

Sir, It was gratifying to see both an article and a leader in *The Times* (December 29) about the return of otters to Devon, with reference made to the most famous one of them all, Henry Williamson's Tarka — particularly gratifying as the centenary of Williamson's birth in 1895 fast approaches.

This society, which comprises some 600 members, is busy preparing centenary celebrations in its efforts to secure national recognition for this master of English prose, of whose output *Tarka the Otter* is a small but important part.

Yours sincerely,
WILL HARRIS
(Chairman and General Secretary),
The Henry Williamson Society,
3 Lavington Road,
Beddington, Surrey.

Gift of the gab

From Mr T. H. Lewis

Sir, Whilst on a business trip to Kazakhstan, I heard a local businessman refer to the process of democratic elections as a "mouth race". They are learning very quickly.

Yours faithfully,
T. H. LEWIS,
19 Greenhill Way,
Haywards Heath, Sussex.
January 5.

Dangerous toys

From the Chief Executive of the Consumers' Association

Sir, We were surprised to read the letter from the county trading standards officer for North Yorkshire (January 5) supporting the lowering of safety standards for toys sold by charity shops.

We cannot accept that it is right to give charity shops special dispensation from laws protecting the safety of consumers, not least because those buying toys from these shops are likely to be more vulnerable members of society. We had always assumed that trading standards officers, in common with us, had believed in equal standards of safety for rich and poor.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BEISHON,
Chief Executive,
Consumers' Association,
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.

Literary footnote

From Mr Andrew F. Wilson

Sir, In his lament for lost footnotes (January 2) Daniel Johnson fails to notice the great advantage of publishing notes and references in a separate volume, as Michael Holroyd has done. The reader can keep the two books open at the appropriate pages and save the trouble of frequently thumbing forwards and backwards through the one volume.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW F. WILSON,
15 Richland Avenue,
Coulsdon, Surrey.

All change

From Mr James W. Gillett

Sir, An enquiry at Flitwick railway station about times of trains in the week commencing Monday, December 28 which included Friday, New Year's day, brought forth the reply: "Oh, it's quite straightforward this week. Every day is a Saturday, except Friday, which is a Sunday."

Yours faithfully,
JAMES W. GILLETT,
16 Lea Road, Ampthill, Bedford.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Community care

From Mrs Elisabeth Hoodless

Sir, The prime minister's New Year resolution to encourage "people to do more to help their communities" (report, January 1) is welcome. He should make a start by removing government obstacles to voluntary action.

First, he should abolish the DSS rule which penalises unemployed people who volunteer more than 24 hours each week. Why should they lose benefit for helping the community?

Second, he should end the Inland Revenue's policy of taxing mileage allowances for volunteers who escort patients to hospitals and save the public purse thousands of pounds.

Third, Customs and Excise should end the discrimination against charities that mobilise volunteers. Fund-raising is tough enough without having to pay tax on it. Community Service Volunteers alone had to raise £141,065 VAT last year. Local authorities caring for people are exempt. Why not charities?

Fourth, since the principal reason people do *not* volunteer is that they have never been asked, he should insist that every children's institution, hospital and school should invite appropriately selected local residents to help to raise the quality of the service they offer, not cut expenditure. The recently disclosed deplorable abuse would never have continued under the scrutiny of ordinary citizens.

Finally, as unemployment approaches three million, the prime minister should ask the secretaries of state for health and social services, education and home affairs, why the UK is the only Western European country with no nationwide social service programme.

Research shows that over 60 per cent of young people would welcome the chance to volunteer a year of service to people in need. As the demands of community care escalate, there can be no doubt their energy is needed.

Yours sincerely,
ELISABETH HOODLESS
(Executive Director),
Community Service Volunteers,
237 Pentonville Road, N1.
January 4.

Peace with dishonour?

From Lord Gladwyn

Sir, Alan Clark's "revisionist" article (January 2) must surely rank among the most misguided examples of a perverted school of thought.

We probably ought, he says, to have accepted Hitler's terms for peace after the fall of France: certainly the even more "favourable" terms brought over by Hess about a year later before the German attack on Russia. In neither case does he tell us what these terms were, but if Hess did bring over any specific terms (which is strongly denied) they must surely have included:

1. Our recognition of the 100-million Third Reich, including Alsace-Lorraine, Bohemia, Austria and half Poland.
2. Expulsion of the Polish, Czech, Benelux and Norwegian governments from London.
3. Neutrality in the event of war with the Soviet Union, and
4. In practice the eventual German domination of the Continent from the Volga to the Tagus.

In return we should have been able, apparently, to transfer "the fleet and the Spitfires" to Singapore, thus preventing the entry of Japan into the war and enabling us (with Nazi help) to maintain "the Far Eastern empire", at the same time ending the war with our gold reserves largely intact and far less indebted to America.

But at what cost? How could we, for instance, have avoided becoming a rather similar state to that of our brutal ally? Obviously Churchill could not have agreed to the "terms" suggested. Nor could Halifax. Only a Tory revolt under Oswald Mosley could have resulted in any such thing.

No, the very idea that we — to say nothing of the Commonwealth — could have ever contemplated such a deal with a regime prepared to liquidate whole peoples — Jews, Poles, Russians, Gypsies or whatever — in order to secure the domination of its race is utterly repugnant.

Revisionists can well say that some of Churchill's ideas were wrong or impracticable. But to have agreed to something which would have resulted in the eventual triumph of that evil government — never!

Yours truly,
GLADWYN,
Bramfield Hall,
Halesworth, Suffolk.
January 4.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
January 8: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this morning visited GMTV, the London Television Centre, Upper Ground, London SE1.

His Royal Highness, President, later visited the offices of the Lord's Taverners, 22 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: John Jervis, Earl of St Vincent, admiral of the fleet, Stone, Staffordshire, 1735; Charles Kortright, cricketer, Brentwood, Essex, 1871; Chaim Bialik, poet, Rady, Ukraine, 1873; John Watson, psychologist, Greenville, South Carolina, 1878; Lascelles Abercrombie, poet and critic, Ashton-upon-Mersey, 1881; Karel Capek, writer and dramatist, Male Svatonovice, Czechoslovakia, 1890; Dame Gracie Fields, singer, Rochdale, Lancashire, 1898; Simone de Beauvoir, novelist and critic, Paris, 1908.

DEATHS: Caroline Herschel, astronomer, Hanover, 1848; Napoleon III, French Emperor 1852-70, Chislehurst, Kent, 1873; Katherine Mansfield, writer, Fontainbleau, France, 1923; Karl Mannheim, sociologist, London, 1947; Pier Luigi Nervi, engineer and architect, Rome, 1979.

Income tax was introduced by William Pitt the Younger, 1799.
Sir Humphry Davy's safety lamp was first used in a coal mine, 1816.
Anthony Eden resigned as prime minister, 1957.
The liner *Queen Elizabeth* was destroyed by fire in Hong Kong harbour, 1972.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Niels Stensen, anatomist and geologist, Copenhagen, 1638; Michel Ney, commander of Napoleon's Old Guard, Saarlouis, 1769; George Birkbeck, physician and educator, Settle, Yorkshire, 1776; John Acton, 1st Baron Acton of Aldenham, historian, Naples, 1834; Adrien Wettach (Grock), clown, Recouvilier, Switzerland, 1880; Manuel Azana y Diaz, president of Spain 1936-39, Alcala de Henares, 1880; Robinson Jeffers, poet, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1887; Dame Barbara Hepworth, sculptor, Wakefield, 1903.

DEATHS: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45, beheaded, London, 1645; Mary Russell Mitford, essayist and dramatist, Swallowfield, Berkshire, 1855; William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill), showman, Denver, Colorado, 1917; Frank Bridge, composer, Eastbourne, 1941; Sinclair Lewis, novelist, Nobel laureate 1930, Rome, 1951; Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, fashion designer, Paris, 1971.

The "Penny Post" introduced by Sir Rowland Hill, 1840.
The London Underground (Metropolitan Railway) system started, 1863.
First world war officially ended after the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles by Germany and the allies, 1920.
The First assembly of the UN was held in London, 1946.

Royal engagements

TOMORROW: The Princess Royal, as Patron of the National Association of Victims Support Schemes, will attend a charity performance of the Bolshoi Ballet at the Albert Hall at 7.10.

Service dinner

RN College Greenwich
Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve Public Affairs branch held their annual guest night dinner last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Rear-Admiral J.G. Tolhurst, Flag Officer Sea Training, was the guest of honour. Commander E.F.M. Searle, Commander of the College, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.StG.T. Ashe-Taylor and Mlle I.C.A. Mathurin
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Mrs Russell Taylor and Mr Michael StG. Ashe, of Knightsbridge, London, and Isabelle, youngest daughter of M and Mme Roger Mathurin, of Thiais, France.

Mr W.D. Aslett and Miss A. Maclaren
The engagement is announced between William, only son of Major and Mrs Jon Aslett, of Cumbers House, Rogate, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Maclaren, of West Coker Manor, Somerset.

Mr M. Bentsen and Miss M.E. Willis
The engagement is announced between Morten, son of Mr and Mrs Jörgen Bentsen, of Tre Huse, Kokkedal, Denmark, and Miriam, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Willis, of Newbarn, Wadhurst, East Sussex.

Mr D. Bungey and Miss S.L. Ricketts
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Bungey, of Gnowangerup, Western Australia, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ricketts, of Shoreditch, Taunton, Somerset.

Mr T.R.F. Dunn and Miss R. Gorby
The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Dunn, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Roberta, youngest daughter of Mrs P. Gorby and the late Mr R. Gorby, of Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin.

Mr A.K.B. Gibb and Miss C.S.B. Harding
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of the late Mr Keith Gibb and Mrs Diana Kneel and stepson of Mr Jack Kneel, of Bridford, Devon, and Caroline, daughter of the late Mr Peter Harding and Mrs Judith Hollings and stepdaughter of Mr Sam Hollings, of Charlbury, Oxfordshire.

Mr G.D. Hacking and Miss S-A.L. Jacobs
The engagement is announced between Giles, second son of Mr and Mrs Chris Hacking, of Carlisle Square, London, and Sarah-Anne, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Jacobs, formerly, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr S.S.G. Hayes and Miss I.C.C. Kilburn
The engagement is announced between Simon Slater George, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F.H. Hayes, of Boston Manor, London, and Iona Capella Conning, youngest daughter of Mr A.M.C. Kilburn, of Burley, Hampshire, and Mrs D.E. Page, of Sea Palling, Norfolk.

Mr S.D. King and Miss S.J. Skelley
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs B.B. King, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Sophie, daughter of Air Commodore and Mrs R.P. Skelley, of Newton, Nottinghamshire.

Mr S.J. Leney and Miss E. Davies
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Leney, of Sturminster Marshall, Dorset, and Elaine, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.F. Davies, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Mr J.E.L. Liddle and Baroness Anne von Rosen
The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Tony Liddle, of Reapyears, Chelwood Gate, Sussex, and Anne Isabel, daughter of Dr Baron and Baroness Jürgen von Rosen, of Gersfeld, Western Germany.

Mr A.P. McAuliffe and Miss C.A. Huntington-Whiteley
The engagement is announced between Andrew Philip, elder son of Mrs A. McAuliffe, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Charlotte Anne, younger daughter of Sir Hugo Huntington-Whiteley, Bt, and Lady Huntington-Whiteley, of Ripple Hall, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.H.T. Morgan and Miss A.M. Reid
The engagement is announced between Daniel, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Morgan, of Putney, and Alice, youngest daughter of Sir Martin and Lady Reid, of Dulwich.

Mr R.A. Rae and Miss C.M. Ives
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr G.H.K. Rae and of Mrs M. Rae, of Woodbury Salterton, Devon, and Michelle, daughter of Mrs M.C.B. Ives, of Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr J.M.D. Roche and Miss A.P.M. Bird
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mrs D.S. Roche, of Sydney, Australia, and Mr F.M. Roche, of Rome, Italy, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Bird, of Battersea, London.

Mr P. Salcedo and Miss E. Lefébure
The engagement is announced between Pablo, son of Señor Gastón Salcedo and of Señora Adriana Elzo de Salcedo, of Santiago, Chile, and Eleanor, daughter of M Geoffroy Lefébure, of Paris, France, and of Mme Eryl Lefébure, of Neuilly sur Seine, France.

Captain D.I. Sutherland and Dr S.C. Rudgard
The engagement is announced between Douglas Iain, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Sutherland, of Gibraltar, and Stephanie Claire, daughter of Dr D. Lee Rudgard, of Hong Kong, and Mr H.A. Rudgard, of Jersey.

Mr A.R. Tyson and Miss L. Lawrence
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Tyson, of Hythe, Kent, and Lorraine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lawrence, of Chelsea, London.

Dr J.C. Vaile and Miss S.A. Retter
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Dr and Mrs H.G. Vaile, of Chiswick, London, and Sarah, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs L.J. Retter, of Awliscombe, Devon.

Mr D.G. van der Lande and Miss H.J. Wylie
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles van der Lande, of Folly Farm, Dorking, Surrey, and Harriet, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Verner Wylie, of Ewhurst Manor, Partridge Green, Sussex.

Jonkheer E.E. van Vredenburch and Miss L.J. Hart
The engagement is announced between Ernest, youngest son of Jonkheer C.L.H. van Vredenburch, of Barton Mills, Suffolk, and Mrs J.C. van Vredenburch, of Temple, Scotland, and Lucy, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs M.T.W. Hart, of Houghton, Cambridgeshire.

Mr M.A.N. Wilson and Miss E.J. Slinn
The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E.J.N. Wilson, of Geneva, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mrs S.M. Slinn, of Southampton.

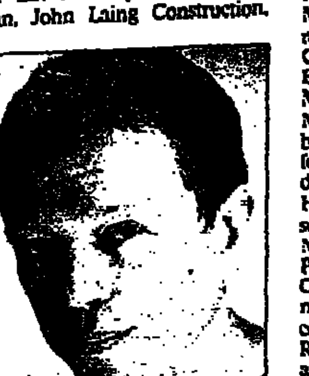
Church news

Appointments
The Rev Dr John Ledward, Rector, Rockland St Mary and Hellington, Bramerton w Surlingham, Claxton and Carleton St Peter (Bramerton Group Ministry), and Rural Dean of Loddon: to be also Priest-in-charge, Kirby Bedon (Norwich).
The Rev Brian Lewis, Rector, Romford, St Andrew: to be also Rural Dean of Havering (Chelmsford).
The Rev David Pine, Priest-in-charge, Hazelbury Bryan w Stoke Wake, Fifehead Neville, and Mappowder and Ibberton, Wolland and Belchalwell (Salisbury): to be Vicar, All Saints, Steep and St Peter, Froxfield w Privett (Portsmouth).
The Rev John Pringle, Vicar, Newsham, Blythe: to be *also* Rural Dean of Bedlington (Newcastle).
The Rev Robert Raikes, Vicar, Pitminster (Bath and Wells): to be Chaplain, St Michael's, Nerja, Spain (Europe).
The Rev Jonathan Russell, Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Shorwell w Kingston and St Olave, Gatcombe w Chillerton and St Andrew, Chale, Ryde, Isle of Wight: to be Vicar, St Peter, Shorwell w Kingston and St Olave, Gatcombe w Chillerton and St Andrew, Chale, Ryde (Portsmouth).
The Rev Michael Sheffield, Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Ryde, and St Michael and All Angels, Swanmore, Ryde, Isle of Wight: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Ryde and St Michael and All Angels, Swanmore, Ryde (Portsmouth).
The Rev Kenneth Shill, Vicar, St John's, Mansfield (Southwell): to be Chaplain, Christ Church, Amsterdam, Holland (Europe).
The Rev Mark Slater, Assistant Curate, Stopsley: to be Priest-in-charge, Bushmead Conventional District (St Albans).
The Rev Robert Thorn, Diocesan Broadcasting Officer (Lincoln): to be Vicar, Whitchurch (Bristol).
The Rev Christopher Wharton, Hon Assistant Curate, Harpenden, St Nicholas: to be Vicar, Kimpton w Ayot St Lawrence (St Albans).
The Rev John White, Curate, Southway, Plymouth: to be Vicar, North Sutton Team Ministry, Plymouth (Exeter).
The Rev Hugh Wright, Priest-in-charge, St John the Baptist, Ryde, Isle of Wight: to be Vicar, St John the Baptist, Ryde (Portsmouth).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Paul Smith, Team Vicar, Staveley and Barrow Hill Team Ministry (Derby): to resign as from March 31, 1993.
The Rev Richard Dickson, Vicar, St Peter, Southsea (Portsmouth): to resign as from February 28, 1993.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Major D.S. Allhusen, equestrian Olympic medallist, 79; Mr Justice Alliott, 61; Miss Joan Baez, folk singer, 52; Mrs M.L.S. Bennett, former principal, St Hilda's College, Oxford, 80; Sir Rudolf Bing, former general manager, Metropolitan Opera, New York, 91; Mr Ken Brown, golfer, 36; Sir John Buckley, former chairman, Davy Corporation, 80; the Earl of Carrick, 40; Mr Clive Dunn, actor, 71; Sir Tony Durant, MP, 65; Sir Graham Eyre, QC, 62; Mr Michael Gifford, chief executive and managing director, Rank Organisation, 57; Father Benedict Green, theologian, 69; Mr David Holbrook, author, 70; Mr L.J. Holliday, former chairman, John Laing Construction, 72; Mr Raymond Horrocks, former chairman, Austin Rover Group Holdings, 63; Sir Michael Jenkins, diplomat, 57; Mr Simon Jervis, director, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 50; Mr Richard Nixon, former President of the United States, 80; Mr Justice Ognall, 59; Mr Ralph Tubbs, architect, 81; Mr Derek Twiner, former governor, Canterbury Prison, 53; Viscount Ullswater, 51; Mr Geoffrey Wragg, racehorse trainer, 63; Miss Susannah York, actress, 51.


Terry Hands, the theatre director, is 52 today

TOMORROW: Sir Walter Bodmer, geneticist, 57; Mr Eddie Cheever, racing driver, 35; Sir Robin Chichester-Clark, former MP, 65; Mr Tom Clarke, MP, 52; Mr Justin Evans, youth and recreation worker, 90; Sir Arthur Gold, honorary life president, European Athletic Association, 76; Mr Sidney Griller, musician, 82; Mr Derek Hammond-Stroud, baritone, 67; Sir David Hopkin, former chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, 71; Sir Derek Hornby, chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 63; Sir Robert Marshall, civil servant, 73; Dr Peter Mathias, master, Downing College, Cambridge, 65; Mr Denis Peach, former chief charity commissioner, 65; Mr Anton Rodgers, actor, 60; Mr Rod Stewart, rock singer, 48; Mrs Valerie Strachan, a deputy chairman, HM Customs and Excise, 53; Mr Erroll J. Yates, former chairman and managing director, Kodak, 63.

Institute of Mathematics

The following were elected to Fellowship of the Institute (and thereby Chartered Mathematician Status) in July-December 1992:
Dr S Amini, T S Bailey, Dr D R Breach, Dr R Cade, P Campbell, F M Clayton, T E Colegate, M V Cook, Dr D R Cooke, Mrs C M Coxhead, Dr A C Croft, W J Cromie, Dr I M Davies, Dr V C da Rocha, C R Forsey, D G Grigg, I M Guthrie, R Healey, Dr N J Highman, Dr R P Hornby, Dr J W Horwood, Dr A Karageorghis, Professor M M Kaye, Professor M King, Squadron Leader J Lamonte, Dr S J Leese, Dr G Mullineux, Dr S M Murphy, S J Newman, Dr M K Patel, Dr J E T Penny, Dr D E Reeve, J G N M Robertson, Dr J S Shawe-Taylor, Dr J J Skrobanski, M A Speller, Dr D J T Storry, Dr M J Stynes, R W Wills.

Rare ants fenced in from scramblers

A protective fence is to be built to save a colony of Britain's rarest ants, the wood ant, from motorcycle scramblers. English Nature is to spend £5,000 constructing a 4ft barbed wire topped fence along almost a mile of the perimeter of Bovey Heath, near Newton Abbot, Devon.

A survey carried out for the Worldwide Fund for Nature two years ago showed that eight of the 33 remaining colonies of the ant in England are on the heath with the rest within a few miles. It also highlighted the threat from humans.

Latest wills

Recent wills include:
Arthur Francis Benjamin Guinness, 3rd Earl of Iveagh, of Castleknock, co. Dublin, Chairman of Arthur Guinness Son & Co. 1962-86, left estate in England and Wales valued at £13,670,268 net. He left his estate to relatives.

The Rt Rev Ernest John Tinsley, of Eynsham, Oxon, Bishop of Bristol 1976-85, and previously Professor of Theology at Leeds, left estate valued at £301,077 net.

Mr Charles Maurice Rothwell, of Salford, Greater Manchester, left estate valued at £799,740 net.
He left £2,000, some effects and one third of the residue to personal legatees, and two-thirds of the residue to form the Maurice Rothwell Trust, to pay the income for 80 years from his death as to half to the Agecroft Rowing Club, and 1/4 each to the Manchester Canoe Club and British Canoe Union, and then for such rowing, canoeing or charitable purposes as they determine.

Mr Francis Alfred Hobbs, of Usk, Gwent, who died intestate, left estate valued at £2,051,542 net.

Rt Hon Bryan Walter Baron Moyne, of Biddesden House, Ludgershall, Wilts, better known as the author Bryan Guinness, left estate, including literary estate, valued at £13,317,025 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Professor Henry McIlwain, of Bridgnorth, Salop, former Professor of Biochemistry at the Institute of Psychiatry, left estate valued at £390,167 net.
He left £8,000 to the Biochemical Society of London to establish an award to assist postgraduate students in meeting travelling expenses to neuro-chemical meetings, and he requested his trustees to first offer his scientific books and documents to that society.

Mr Reginald Arthur Burgess, of Weymouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £255,843 net. He left his entire estate equally between Help the Aged, the RNIB, Dr Barnardo's and the British Heart Foundation.

Mr George Edmund Bass, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, left estate valued at £610,786 net. He died intestate.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):
Mr Peter Gordon Cardew, of Cleeve, Avon £684,209
Miss Deborah Mary Deane, of Minehead, Somerset £811,652
Mr Leslie Sidney Fletcher, of Hove, East Sussex £602,319
Mr Thomas Arthur Franklin, of Newport, Gwent £1,263,710
Mr Jack Goldberg, of Jesmond, Tyne and Wear £836,946
Mr Nicholas Trevor Haskins, of Wellingborough, Northants £768,717
Mr George Thomas Heaton, of Norton Juxta Twycross, Leics £543,517
Mr James Timothy Howard, of Plymouth, Devon £658,972
Mrs Alice Winifred Jones, of Sutton on Sea, Lincs £572,379
Mrs Anne Elizabeth Mason, of Gravesend, Kent £1,544,335
Mr Henry Peter Herbert O'Brien, of Llangollen, Clwyd £656,091
Mr Charles Victor Green, of Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex £653,654
Commander Peter John Knowling, RN retd, of Eastbourne, East Sussex £501,654

Church services tomorrow

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Choral Euch, Mass for five voices (Byrd), Praise our Lord (Byrd), Ven John Barton; 4 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Sumsion in G, Lo! Star-led chiefs (Crotch).
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M, Dr P C D Southern, Headmaster, Bancroft's School; 11 Sung Euch, Schubert in G, A little child: Ven N L Warren, Archdeacon of Rochester; 3.15 E, Responses (Ayleward), Jesus Service (Mathias), Look up, sweet babe (Berkeley); 6.30 Sermon & Compline, Rev Dr C A Lewis.
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion, The Vice Provost; 11.15 M, Responses (Ayleward), Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G), The Shepherd's Farewell (Berlioz), The Provost; 6 Choral E, Responses (Ayleward), Collegium Regale (Howells), The Three Kings (arr. Cornelius), Canon Paul Brett.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany (St Erasmus Chapel); 8 HC; 10 Choral M, Responses (Rose), Te Deum (Elgar in F), Benedictus, The Dean; 11.30 Choral Euch, St Nicholas Mass (Haydn), Amen (Naylor); 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Walmisley in D major, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Amen (Gibbons). Organ: How brightly shines the Morning Star (Bach); 6.30 ES, Canon Michael Rees.
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa Regina Coeli (de Kerle), Psallite unigenito (Praetorius). Organ: Prelude in C major (Bach), The Precentor; 3.45 E, Preces (Rose), Collegium Regale (Croft), Salve Regina (Cavalli), Organ: Wie schön leuchtet (Buxtehude).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6pm LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children's Mass), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Canon J Pannett.
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M; 10.30 Sung Euch, Organ: March in C (Mozart), How in D, O how glorious is the kingdom (Victoria), Great Shepherd of thy people, hear (Tye), Organ: Toccata & Fugue in D minor (Bach), The Provost; 4 Choral E, O sing joyfully (Batten). Organ: Prelude in E flat (Parry), Responses (Ayleward), Lord's Prayer (Farmer), Ireland in C, O be joyful in the Lord (Howells). Closing responses (Knight). Organ: Allegro maestoso e vivace (Mendelssohn).
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Litany; 8 HC; 9.30 Sung Euch, Collegium regale (Darke in E), Ave verum corpus (Elgar), the Subdean; 11.15 M, Responses (Smith), Britten in C, Stanford in B flat, Locus iste (Bruckner), Canon P Clark; 12.30 HC; 3.45 E, Short Service (Gibbons), My soul there is a country.
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Jackson in G, Jubilate in C (Stanford), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Rev Dr Michael Sheard; 3.30 E, Responses (Statham), Brewer in D, Shepherd's Farewell (Berlioz).
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Jackson in G, There shall a star from Jacob come forth (Mendelssohn), Canon John Atherton; 3.30 E; 6.30 Epiphany Procession.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 11 Choral M, Responses (Rose), Jubilate & Te Deum (Howells). When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem (Mendelssohn), Rev Paul Kinsey.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Responses (Sumsion); 10.30 M, Te Deum (Byrd Short Service), Jubilate, the Dean; 11.30 HC: Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Tribus miraculis (Marenzio); 3.15 E, Wood in D, Then Herod called the wise men, Thou traitor, Lord, when our haughty foes assail us (Bach). Organ: Prelude & Fugue in C (Bach), Rev John Halliburton.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung Communion; 11 Choral Euch, Omnes de Saba (Handl), The Provost; 6.30 Choral E, The Three Kings (Cornelius), the Provost.
ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 M, Responses (Ayleward), Benedictus, Te Deum (Ireland in F). Tomorrow shall be my dancing day (arr. Ferguson); 10.30 Sung Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), Jesu grant me this I pray (Whitlock), the Dean; 3.15 E, Moeran in D, Here is the little door (Howells), Amen (Gibbons), Allegro from Symphonie II (Vierne); 6.30 E, Infinite Light, Vaughan Williams in C, From the rising of the Sun (Ouseley), the Dean.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Quem vidistis (Poulenc), The Lamb (Tavener), Canon S Goodridge; 3 E (with installation of Honorary Canons), Sumsion in G, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), the Bishop of Southwark.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 Sung Euch, Darke in E, The three kings (Cornelius), Rev S R Cutt; 11.30 M, Responses (Byrd), Stanford in B flat, Bethlehem Down (Warlock); 3 E & Commemoration of Bishop Beckington, Bairstow in D, Lo, star-led chiefs (Crotch), Ven C E Thomas, Archdeacon of Wells.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M, Rev Donald Gray; 11 M (St Margaret's Church), Rev Roger Holloway; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Rev Johnathan Goodall; 3 E, Rev Lister Tonge; 6.30 ES, Rev Paul Ferguson.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7; 10.30 SM, Messe Cum Jubilo (Duruflé), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), Transport de Joie (Messiaen); 10 MP; 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B: Magnificat octavi toni (Suriano), Cantabile (Franck).
YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 Sung Euch, Ireland in C, Here is the little door (Howells), Canon Michael Vernon; 11.30 M, Responses (Radcliffe), Te Deum in B flat (Stanford), Jubilate in C (Britten); 4 E, Dyson in D, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Canon Ronald Metcalfe.
THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Let the people praise thee (Mathias), Canon A Glendining.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Te Deum (Vaughan Williams in G), Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch), Rev Trevor Morley; 12.30 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 Sung Euch, Laudate Nomen Domini (Tye), From the rising of the sun (Ouseley), the Chaplain.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, O worship the Lord (Thalben Ball), Te Deum, Lo! star-led chiefs (Crotch), the Chaplain, March of the Bowmen (Curzon), Band of The Life Guards; 12 HC.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Farrant in F minor, From the rising of the sun (Ouseley); 3.30 E, Eastern monarchs (Sumsion), Ayleward Short Service, Omnes de Saba (Handl).
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Mass in B flat (Hummel), Videntes stellam (Poulenc), Rev C L Gealke; 6 E & B, Gibbons Second Service, Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener), Rev F McGeary.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 MP, Remove my sin (solo), Rev Dr John Stott; 6.30 Communion, Broken for me (choir), Rev Preb Richard Bewes.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 Sung Euch, Missa Octavi toni (Lassus), Tribus miraculis (Marenzio). Tria sunt munera (Esquivel).
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Weelkes Short Service, Star of the mystic East (Rubbra), Rev Anthony Winter; 6.30 E, Farrant in A minor, Sweet was the song (Porter), the Rector.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Britten), Mozart in B flat, Panis Angelicus (Franck), Organ: Sortie in E flat (Lefebvre-Wely), Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Cruces), Sumsion in G, Say, where is he born (Mendelssohn), Organ: Sonata in B flat, 4th movement (Mendelssohn), Canon John Oates.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 M, Boyce in C, Now when Jesus was born (Bach), All darkness flies, Rev A T R Goode; 12.15 HC.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 Sung Euch, Stanford in B flat, Omnes de Saba venient (Handl), the Rector.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Sandy Millar; 11 Informal Service (Creche & Children's Church), Rev Nicholas Gumbel; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev Sandy Millar.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 Sung Euch, Missa O Magnum Mysterium (Vittoria), Cherry Tree Carol (arr. Willcocks), Rev Graham Buckle; 6 Choral E, Morley Short Service, Make we joy now (Walton), Rev Simon Hobbs.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Byrd set three, The three Kings (Cornelius), Psalm Prelude Set II/iii (Howells), Rev D Watson; 6.30 Choral E, Ireland in F, Lock up sweet babe (Berkeley). Mr R Christopher.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family C; 11 Sung Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Videntes stellam (Poulenc), Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Eucharist, Saint Martin's Service (Stringer), Steal Away (arr. Roberton), Audivi vocem (Taverner), Caprice (Clérambault); 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Responses (Sumsion), The Three Kings (Cornelius), Plein Jeu (Clérambault), Rev William Ratchford; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E, Responses (Byrd), Magnificat/Nunc Dimittis (Gibbons), Steal Away (arr. Roberton), Prelude & Fugue in F minor (Krebs); 6.30 ES, Taizé Prayer, Fugue in C major (Bach), Rev Martin Henwood.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa Laudate Dominum (Lassus), Fr Bill Scott; 6 A Celebration of the Epiphany & Solemn B; 7 LM.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Orgelsolomesse (Mozart), Like as the hart (Howells), Rev Lydon van der Pump; 6.30 EP.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Brevis in F (Haydn), The Star Anthem (Bull), Tomorrow shall be my dancing day, Rev Henry Ruschmeyer.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Mass in G (Poulenc), Fr Ashley Buck.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa O Magnum Mysterium (Victoria), Gaudete Omnes (Sweelinck), Videntes Stellam (Lassus), Fr Christopher Colven; 6 Crib Visit.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev John McIndoe; 6.30 Rev Alexander Cairns
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev Stanley Hood.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa a 4 (Monteverdi), King Jesus hath a garden (Wood), Ave Maria (Arcadelt).
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15 Fr W Pearsall, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Sancti Joannes (Haydn), Tribus Miraculis (Marenzio), Salvos Fac Nos (Jochum).
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Colloredo Mass (Mozart), Surge illuminare (Palestrina), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Sicut cervus (Palestrina)
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Omnes de Saba venient (Handl).
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev J Schmidt.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Ronald Englund; 7 Choral Vespers, Arias from Anna Magdalena Book for soprano and continuo (Bach), Prelude and Fugue in G (Buxtehude), Chaplain Vincent W Carroll.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr John Tudor.

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I the Lord have called you with righteous purpose and taken you by the hand: I have formed you, and destined you to be a light for peoples, a lamp for nations.
Isaiah 42 : 6

BIRTHS

ABEL SMITH - On January 5th, to Julia (née Wolton) and Charles, sons, Nicholas Ralph and Edmund John.
ADAMSON - On New Year's Day, to Louise and David, a son, Kit Alexander Giles (8lbs 6oz), in Wellington, New Zealand.
ALLISON - On January 5th, to Julia (née Jameson) and Charles, a daughter, Rebecca, a sister for Edward.
ARMSTRONG - On December 29th, at Jubilee Maternity Hospital, Belfast, to Ann and Tom, a son, Michael Ronald Peter, a brother for Seth, Richard and Tom.
BAILEY - On 7th January 1993, to Jane (née Clifton-Brown) and Mark, a son, brother for Rosie, Peter and Florence.
COOPER - On December 30th, to Louise (née Brown) and Simon, a son, Miles Simon David.
CUNNINGHAM - On January 5th 1993, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane (née Towell) and Kenneth, a son, Charles Alexander.
DUSSEK - On January 4th, to Margaret (née, Powell) and Michael, a daughter, Rachel Katrina.
EVES - On Monday 4th January 1993, to Katie (née Welch) and Peter, a daughter, Laura Kathryn, a sister for Joshua.
GREER - On January 5th 1993, to Judith (née Connor) and Richard, a daughter, Constance Genevieve.
JOHNSON - On Saturday 5th December 1992 at University College Hospital, London, to Kathryn and Carlton, a son, Anthony Charles Edward, 8lbs 2¼oz.
JONES - On January 4th, at the Alexandra Hospital, Redditch, to Ken and Sue (née Mangan), a son, Mark Thomas Cyril.
KLOOSTERMAN - On January 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Joyce (née Achterberg) and Henk Jaap, a daughter, Fabienne Roelien.

BIRTHS

LARTHE - On December 17th, to Catriona (Prune) (née McGregor) and Richard, twin sons, Mungo and Archie.
McINTOSH - On January 6th, at The Royal Free, Hampstead, to Sophy (née Stewart-Wilson) and Bruce, a daughter.
MONK - On January 7th, to Sophia (née Molossi) and Andrew, a son, Alexander James.
NELSON - On December 30th at Shotley Bridge, Co. Durham, to Frances (née Byron) and Alex, a daughter, Lindsay Shannon Theresa.
NEWMAN - On Thursday 7th January 1993, to Francis and Katharine (née Edwards), a son, Thomas Ralph Gerard.
SAYDER - On January 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Suzan and Rahmi, a beautiful daughter, Erin, a sister for Brent.
WYLIE - On January 2nd 1993, to Lindsay (née Jayes) and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Alice, a sister for Kate and Oliver.

DEATHS

BOGH-HENRIKSSEN - Per, on December 31st 1992, in Marion, Massachusetts, U.S.A., after a short illness. A Memorial Service was held in Marion on January 4th.
CANTLEY - On 6th January 1993, at home, Sir Joseph (Joe) Cantley, dearly loved husband of Hilda. Funeral at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 13th January at Temple Church, followed by private cremation. No flowers please.
CAVE - On January 6th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Joan, dearest wife of Leslie, much loved mother of David, Vivienne and Timothy and loving grandmother. Funeral Service Wednesday January 20th at 2.30 pm. Simple sprays and evergreens only please. Donations to N.S.P.C.C. or Cancer Research Campaign. All enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 655000.
DARLING - Douglas Archie. Suddenly on January 5th 1993, at home with his family in Wimbledon.
DELVES BROUGHTON - On January 5th, Sir Evelyn, 12th Baronet of Broughton, Staffs. After many years of illness fought with outstanding courage. Husband of Rona and father of Isabella, Julia and Lavinia. Stepfather to Louise, Rivinia and Ianthe. Funeral strictly private at St Peter's Church, Broughton, on Tuesday January 12th at 12 noon. No flowers or letters by request, but donations if desired to The Doddington Church Fund. Memorial Service to be announced later.
ELLIOT - On January 8th 1993, at Beauchamp House Nursing Home, Somerset, Noelle Eva Mabel, aged 83. Widow of Maxwell C. Elliot and much loved mother of David, Jeremy, Jennifer and Colin. Grandmother and great-grandmother. Sister of Marjorie Melville. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Friday January 15th at 12.30 pm.
HENRY - On January 5th, peacefully at the Thomas Hope Hospital, Langholm, Jean, aged 86, widow of the late Paul Henry. A much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at All Saints Church, Langholm, at 2 pm on Wednesday January 13th followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Thomas Hope Hospital, Langholm.
HILL - Mavis Millicent, M.B.E. Barrister and Law Reporter on 5th January 1993. Dear aunt of Betty Nivison and Peter Gottgens and friend of Judith Todd. Funeral on Tuesday 12th January at 9.15 am at New Southgate Crematorium: Brunswick Park Road, N11. Family flowers only but donations welcome to Help the Aged, PO Box 28, London N18.
HILL - Suddenly at his home in Lincoln on January 7th, Geoffrey, husband of the late Irene and beloved godfather of Helen. Mourned by Mark and Valerie, the teams he led in Guardian Royal Exchange and his many other friends. For funeral arrangements, when known, please tel: Hargreaves (0491) 578341.
HOHENBERG - Bernard Lucien, on December 27th in New York City, aged 69 years, after a long illness (lung cancer), borne with dignity and flair. Beloved husband of Pixie, father of Adrienne and Jared, grandfather of Rebecca and Zachary. Funeral took place December 29th in New York. Committal of ashes to take place in Venice, Italy. Donations, if desired, to a charity of your choice in your own name.
JACKSON - May, on 6th January 1993 peacefully, aged 84 years. Beloved wife of the late Henry, dear mother of Bob, grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter, 11 am Monday 18th January. Cremation to follow at Chilterns, Amersham. Flowers and enquiries to A. Cain Funeral Services Ltd. tel: (081) 573-0664.
KELLEHER - On January 7th at Poole General Hospital after a short illness, William Howlett Kelleher, MD, DPH(Lond), aged 96 years, late Medical Superintendent of the Western Hospital, Fulham, and Liveryman of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries. Beloved husband of Nancy (née Robinson) and elder brother of Brigadier M.F.H. Kelleher, OBE, MC, and uncle of all the Kelleher Family. Also dearest stepfather of Anthony Wheatley and stepgrandfather and step great-grandfather of all the Wheatley Family. Loved and admired by all who knew him. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Archway Road, Parkstone, at 12 noon on Friday January 15th followed by interment at Parkstone Cemetery. Flowers or donations if preferred for the RNLI may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Poole, BH15 2PG.
LITTLE - George Mellanby B.A.(Cantab), F.R.C.P., quietly at home on 6th January. Much loved Physician. Husband of Ninette, father of Marilyn, Julian and Nicholas and grandfather of ten. Cremation, Guildford Crematorium, 2.30pm, Tuesday 12th January. Memorial Service at St John the Baptist Church, Puttenham, 3pm Wednesday 13th January. Flowers to Aylings, 25 South Road, Guildford, tel: (0483) 67333.
NICHOLDS - Walter Ernest, on January 7th, peacefully at Oakhurst Court Nursing Home. Beloved husband of the late Maud Alice and father of John and Robert. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Godstone, 2.30 pm on Thursday January 14th followed by burial at St Luke's Church, Whyteleafe. Flowers to W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd., 55 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey or donations to Harestone Marie Curie Centre, Caterham, Surrey.
RUDDER - On January 7th 1993, Paul Nigel Millsum, peacefully in his sleep at home. Much loved husband of Jill, father of Ben, Kate, Sam, Sophie and grandfather of Rosie, Jasmine, Sam, Zac, Luke and Ollie. Funeral Service at Hempstead Parish Church, near Saffron Walden, Essex, on Friday January 15th at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent c/o H. Pessgood & Son, 62 Gold Street, Saffron Walden, Essex.
SANDERS - On January 7th, peacefully, Martyn Sanders, aged 84, dearly loved husband of Faith, mourned by all the family. Former Apparitor General to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

MANSON-BAHR:McINNES - On January 9th 1943 at St George's Chapel, Nakuru, Kenya, Major Philip (RAMC) to Joan (F.A.N.Y. W.T.S.).

MARRIAGES

WATERS:PORTER - The marriage took place recently in Chichester of Dr. Hugh Geoffrey Waters of Timberscombe, Somerset, to Miss Rosemary Claire Porter, daughter of the late Mr A.R.Z. (Reggie) and Mrs Stephanie Porter of Hurtmore, Surrey.

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MACKARNESS - John. Always remembered and sadly missed. Anne and the children.

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BRADSHAW, DAVID ENOCH late of 720 N E 69th Street, Apartment 8H, Miami, Florida, USA, Attorney, died 15th February 1990. Particulars to Messrs William Charles Crocker, 10 Gough Square, London, EC4A 3NJ before 10th March 1993.
CAVANESS, VICTOR MARION of 10 Connaught Square, London W2 2HG Died 1st February 1992. Particulars to GARY M PERMAN, 19/20 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9FD before 8th March 1993.

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SZNAPKA, ALOJZY ANTONI of 42 Wingford Road, London SW2 died on 7th December 1990. Particulars to AMHURST BROWN COLOMBOTTI Solicitors of 2 Duke Street, St. James's, London SW1Y 6BJ before 12th March 1993.
WALSH KATHLEEN of 502 Marlon House Old Field Estate Fitzroy Road, London NW1 died on 15th October 1992 Particulars to Collyer-Bristow Solicitor of 4 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4DF before 10th March 1993.

BIRTHDAYS

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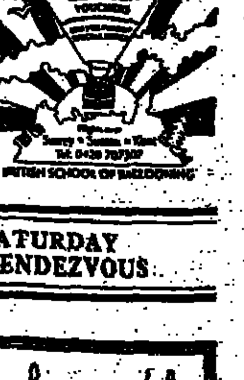

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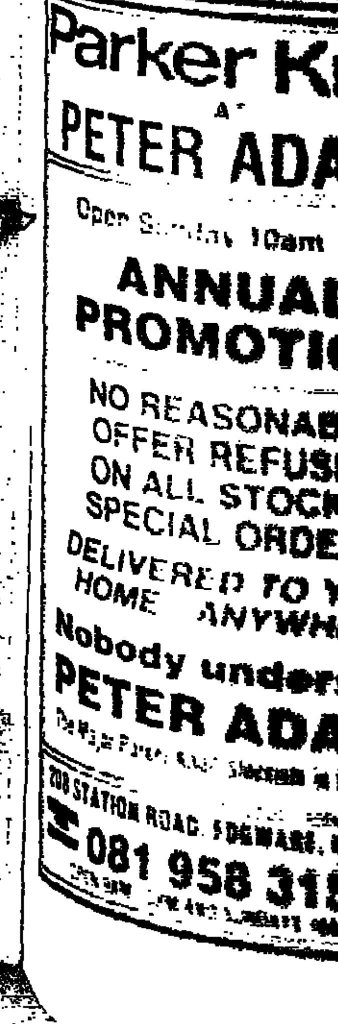

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OBITUARIES

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR JOHN COWLEY

Lieutenant-General Sir John (Guise) Cowley, GC, KBE, CB, hero of the 1935 Quetta earthquake, critic of British nuclear weapons policy and Master-General of the Ordnance, 1960-62, died on January 7 aged 87. He was born in India on August 20, 1905.

JOHN Cowley was a great individualist and an original thinker. He used to say that his career was half soldiering, quarter business and the rest educational. He won the Albert Medal (later converted into the George Cross) during the Quetta earthquake of 1935, rescuing patients from the collapsed Leper Hospital. As Controller of Munitions in 1959, he crossed swords with Duncan Sandys, then minister of defence, over nuclear weapons policy, and yet survived to become Master-General of the Ordnance before taking up his business and educational careers.

Son of the Rev H. G. B. Cowley of Fourgates, Dorchester, he was educated at Wellington and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1925 and joined the Madras Sappers and Miners in 1932. He was one of three young captains — Charles "Splosh" Jones, Charles Richardson and himself — in the Madras field company at Quetta in 1935, all of whom rose to become members of the Army Board.

When the earthquake devastated the city in 1935 damage to the Civil Hospital was severe. The walls of all the wards had collapsed, bringing down the roofs on the inmates as they lay in their beds. Since the men available were too few to break up the roofing material and tear it off Cowley ordered that the roofs should be propped up, while he crawled underneath and dragged the survivors from their beds. In spite of the fact that he had been warned that many of the patients were suffering from frightful contagious diseases, he carried a number of them out in his arms. Indeed, it was the example he set which encouraged many others to overcome their, perhaps understandable, repugnance to diseases whose nature was not as well understood as it is now, and to crawl with him into the shattered wards to bring out the sick. Cowley's leadership throughout the disaster, as much as his personal rescue of the lepers, led to the award of the Albert Medal.

He returned to England in 1936 to instruct at the RMA, Woolwich, and was a student at the Staff College, Camberley when the war began in 1939. He joined General Philip Neame's Western Desert Force just before Rommel launched his first invasion of Cyrenaica in April 1941, escaping capture, but finding himself trapped with the Australians in Tobruk with whom he served for the first part of the siege. He then became the AA & QMG of 7th Armoured Division — the Desert Rats. In the summer of

1942, he joined the staff of General Oliver Leese's XXX Corps — the assault corps for Montgomery's Battle of El Alamein — and was made responsible for much of the logistic planning for its operations.

After the battle, Montgomery nominated him to be the first British instructor at the US Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. He returned to the Mediterranean in 1944, and in early 1945 joined Montgomery's staff in North West Europe.

By the end of the war he had established a reputation as a clear, long-sighted administrative planner. In the war's immediate aftermath he was deputy to Sir Percy Mills (later Lord Mills) and then to Sir Cecil Weir, the successive heads of the Economic Division of the British Control Commission in Germany. By 1949 he was Director of Administrative Plans at the War Office, and after three years as Chief of Staff, Eastern Command, he was back in the War Office as Vice Quartermaster-General in 1956 — the year of Suez.

The Suez crisis catapulted Cowley temporarily into a seat on the Army Council. The Quartermaster-General, Sir Maurice Chilton, died at the beginning of the crisis, and Cowley took over as acting QMG, responsible for movement and logistic support of the forces involved in the Suez operation, about which he expressed grave doubts at the time, although this did not affect his handling of the complex problems that confronted him.

Since he had borne the entire administration responsibility for Suez, his many friends and admirers expected him to be confirmed in the post of QMG as a full general. It was not to be. He was appointed instead Controller of Munitions in the Ministry of Supply in 1957.

His clash with Duncan Sandys came in November 1959 when he was still Controller of Munitions. In a well argued lecture at the Royal United Services Institute, criticising the Macmillan government's espousal of Sandys's nuclear "Big Bang" philosophy in order to get rid of National Service, he parodied Lewis Carroll, saying:

I also have a plan to spend a thousand million pounds,
To buy some guided missiles and hide them in the ground,
And then to clearly paint on each "these things must not be used"
No wonder that our citizens are getting so confused.

He was too valuable to sack: and when the Ministry of Supply was wound up in 1960, he became the first Master-General of Ordnance since the abolition of the post in 1939.

Although a man of decided and often unconventional views, his approach to people, even opponents, was quiet and reticent, reminiscent of the courtesies of his father's vicarage. A deceptively nervous laugh tended to mask his determination and strength of personality. A good athlete in his younger days, he became a competitive golfer; and when his golfing days were over he took up croquet in an equally competitive spirit.

His successful business career started when he retired from the Army in 1962: he was chairman of Bowmakers, 1962-71; of Wilverley Securities, 1970-73; and of Keith & Henderson, 1973-76; as well as being a director of several major commercial firms such as British Oxygen. And his career in education was as a very active vice president and chairman of the governors of Wellington College, and as the chairman of governors of three other schools.

He married Irene Sybil Millen in 1941. She, a son and three daughters survive him.

VISCOUNT MASSEREENE AND FERRARD

Viscount Massereene and Ferrard, landowner, sportsman and devoted member of the House of Lords, died on December 27 aged 78. He was born on October 23, 1914.

THE 13th Viscount Massereene and 6th Viscount Ferrard, Baron of Loughneagh and Baron Oriel, lived at Chilham Castle in Kent but it would be easy to imagine him living in P. G. Wodehouse's Blandings Castle. In the House of Lords he stood out as an eccentric in a chamber never short of unusual characters. Few novelists would have dared to invent him.

He was born John Clotworthy Talbot Foster Whyte-Melville Skeffington and his life was as complicated as his name. He went to Eton, served in the Black Watch and joined the Carlton, the Turf, Pratt's and the Royal Yacht Squadron. He farmed, raced, shot and was Master of the Ashford Valley Foxhounds and Commodore of the House of Lords Yacht Club. But there the orthodoxy ended.

There were, above all, his speeches. As president of the Monday Club they could well have been predictable. In fact they were far from being hard-line right-wing. Indeed, they were among the most bizarre heard in the Lords in recent times. He was one of the few peers who could be relied on to electrify the chamber. One of his Conservative colleagues said that listening to him was like being the driver in the lorry laden with explosives in the French film *The Wages of Fear*. One never knew when there was going to be some shattering comment, but his listeners, unlike some cinema goers, always left their seats feeling they had had their money's worth.

His seemingly odd suggestions often proved, on examination, to have some common sense at their centre. His speeches were spiced with personal anecdotes and the extraordinary experiences with which he illustrated his views. The looser rules in the Upper House allowed him to range far beyond what would have been allowed in the Commons. They also gave him the opportunity to display his great quality: charm. Despite his varied life he retained a residual innocence in many matters.

But his activities in the Lords were only part of his career. He once produced the operetta *Princess Maritza* at the Palace Theatre in London. He helped to pioneer the commercial development of Cape Canaveral in Florida. In his twenties, he crowned his motor-racing career by driving the leading British car at

Le Mans in 1937.

His political views were summed up in a preface to *The Lords*, his book on the Upper House: "I have witnessed the swift disintegration of everything the word 'British' once stood for and I have seen the world, in consequence, become a poorer place." In his speeches, often self-deprecating, invariably idiosyncratic, striving to conquer his stammer, he would argue for an older morality and way of life which to him, if not to all his listeners, seemed desirable and still achievable.

He spoke on many more subjects than most peers but he was concerned primarily with the countryside and field sports. During the debates on the Wildlife and Countryside Bill in 1981 he spoke on nearly 80 occasions. He introduced the Deer Act into the Lords in 1963, the two Riding Establishment Acts in 1964 and 1970 and the Export of Animals for Research Bill in 1968. His attempts to regain the right of Irish peers to sit in the Lords — he was the holder of four Irish peerages as well as his United Kingdom one — were unsuccessful.

He will be remembered for his highly personalised views. Unemployment, he maintained, was not as bad as it seemed. He knew this from his own experience when he had been unable to obtain an under-gardener for Chilham Castle. On another occasion he offered to solve the problems of over-crowded prisons and unemployment in one simple way: build more prisons. That would produce jobs and provide more prison space at the same time. And always there were his special observations ranging from curlews ("filthy to eat") to the Channel tunnel ("I hope that the ventilation arrangements will not stick up a long way above the sea because that would obviously interfere with ships").

He was married in 1939 to Annabelle Lewis. He is succeeded by his son, the Hon John David Clotworthy Whyte-Melville Foster Skeffington.

DONALD STEPHENSON

Donald Stephenson, Controller of Overseas Services for the BBC, 1960-71, died on January 2 aged 83. He was born on May 18, 1909.

DONALD Stephenson was one of that small band of talented amateurs who helped to start BBC foreign language broadcasting just before the second world war and subsequently rose to senior positions in the Corporation. A junior officer in the RAF in the late 1930s, he had qualified as an Arabic interpreter when the BBC began to recruit staff preparatory to the start of broadcasting in Arabic in January 1938. He left the RAF and was taken on by the news service as a sub-editor, becoming its news editor not long after.

As such he experienced at first hand the early conflict between the Foreign Office and the BBC over Arabic news policy. The Foreign Office view was that news items had to be specially selected with British political and strategic interests in mind, a notion which was strongly resisted by the BBC. The Corporation won its point, but this did not prevent a row breaking out over the inclusion, in the very first Arabic bulletin, of a story about the execution by the British forces in Palestine of an Arab caught in possession of a firearm — a capital offence at the time.

That story was judged by the Foreign Office to be unsuitable but was duly broadcast. Much of the service's subsequent reputation in the Arab world — and its success in counteracting German and Italian wartime propaganda — can be attributed to the winning of that early and crucial tussle.

Throughout most of the second world war Stephenson was in charge of the group of foreign language services covering the Arab world, Greece, Turkey, Persia and India, and he remained involved at a senior level in broadcasting to the Near East and the Indian subcontinent until his appointment as Controller of the BBC's North Region in Manchester in 1948.

He returned to Bush House as Controller of the Overseas Services in the aftermath of the Eden government's row with the BBC over the Suez affair in 1956 and had to face continuing government hostility and the prospect of financial cutbacks. But he was active in making the case for an increase in broadcasting in the Indian vernaculars under severe threat at the time of Suez, and he shrewdly saw that the future for world-wide broadcasting in English lay no longer in the regionalised pattern developed before and during the war but in a single round-the-world, round-the-clock service of information and entertainment. It was a visionary concept, which led to the development of today's World Service.

Stephenson left the BBC in 1958 to become chief executive of Anglia Television, but the transplant was not a success and he eventually returned to the BBC as head of Overseas and Foreign Relations, a post he held throughout Hugh Carleton Greene's director generalship. He was appointed OBE in 1943 and CBE in 1957.

In 1940 he married Alison Wynn Thomas, who died in 1965. He is survived by Francesca Ward, who he married in 1982, and three daughters.

DR JOHN CARDWELL

Dr John Cardwell, company doctor to News International, died on January 5 at Golfe Juan in the South of France aged 67. He was born on January 24, 1925.

JOHN Sidney Cardwell had retired from practice some 15 months ago and went to live at Golfe Juan in the South of France. He had a history of cardiac problems and underwent heart surgery eight years ago.

He qualified as a young doctor at St Bartholomews Hospital and then spent a period as houseman in Portsmouth before he joined the RAF, where he became a squadron leader. On leaving the services he was, for a time, resident medical officer at the London Clinic and from there he went into private practice in Knightsbridge.

For many years he was company doctor to News International, owners of *The Times*. Before his retirement he held regular surgeries at Wapping and was much respected for his easy manner, ready smile, constant good humour and above all else for his sound advice. He was a confidant to many, journalist and printer alike.

For relaxation he liked nothing better than to be with his family, but always longed for the sunshine.

He is survived by a wife Sonia, three daughters, Louise, Catherine and Amynta, and two grandchildren.

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GAMBLING ON THE RIVIERA.

(From our Special Correspondent)

Periodically — say every second winter or so — one hears that roulette is going to be permitted all along the Riviera. Just now the tale is being repeated with insistence. The present Government, it is declared, favours it. M. Herriot himself has expressed his approval. But whether there is any more truth in the rumour now than there has been on former occasions it is impossible to say. At present, Monte Carlo, in the happy freedom of the Principality of Monaco, has a monopoly of both roulette and *trente-et-quarante*, while the French towns — Nice, Cannes, Menton — have to rely as their chief bait for gamblers on the melancholy attraction of *la boule*.

Monte Carlo, not content with its monopoly of the flashier games, is, for the second season, providing for baccarat-lovers as well; and the other towns resent it. In retaliation, they are pressing to be permitted to instal roulette. What would, beyond doubt, be best for the Riviera and for humanity would be to wipe out the gaming tables altogether. Monte Carlo is an entrancing spot: the daintiest and best-managed little city in the world. But no glamour or sophistry can conceal the fact that its influence is flagrantly anti-moral. If one could add up all the misery the Casino had caused — all the vice and evil passions it has encouraged — it would make a melancholy tale. And each year, with increasing crowds, the scene in "the rooms" grows more squalid, the atmosphere more foul, and the bad influence more widespread. With the powerful interests involved and human nature what it is, there is little chance of the Casino being abolished from inside: but what a lovely opportunity it offers to some benevolent millionaire!

It is solely a question of money. If a Rockefeller or a Henry Ford were to endow the Principality with an income larger than it can draw from the gaming tables the thing would be done. Then one can imagine another and more enchanting Monte Carlo, with all — and more than all — its present prettiness and gaiety and sunshine, the Casino converted into a Temple of the Muses, with the best music, the best drama, the best films and dancing floors in Europe — and white lambs, perhaps, with blue ribbons, frisking on the *tir aux pigeons*, where there would be no more slaughtering of birds. It ought to be the permanent home of the League of Nations, the happy centre of peace for all the world.

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The high moral tone of this article, calling for the casino at Monte Carlo to be converted into a "Temple of the Muses", fell, not surprisingly, on deaf ears in the gaming community.

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NEWS

Saddam promises retaliation

■ President Saddam Hussein appeared determined last night to provoke military conflict with the West, rejecting an ultimatum to move anti-aircraft missiles from southern Iraq and pledging to retaliate if attacked.

American, British and French forces were on a state of alert as the deadline passed and six RAF Tornados were ready. Bad weather made immediate action unlikely. **Pages 1, 8, 9**

Supermarket fish ban for Shetlands

■ The Shetlands oil disaster had its first discernable economic effect when Marks & Spencer stopped buying Shetland salmon and other supermarkets prepared to do the same, threatening a £34 million industry..... **Pages 1, 3**

Britons under fire

The British base at Tomislavgrad in Bosnia came under heavy artillery fire from Serbian guns in the mountains to the north east of the Muslim garrison town. No one was hurt but damage was severe. **Pages 1, 11**

Taxing advice

Senior Tories, Lord Ridley and Kenneth Baker, gave conflicting advice on tax increases as Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, started his two-day pre-Budget meeting with Treasury colleagues at Chevening **Pages 1, 2**

Forgan for BBC

Liz Forgan, Channel 4's director of progammes, resigned yesterday and is about to be appointed deputy director-general at the BBC, a move which will make her the most powerful woman in British broadcasting..... **Page 2**

White discrimination

A race relations worker has won a racial discrimination case against a local authority who turned him down for a job because he was white. Stephen Webster, 46, had worked for the Commission for Racial Equality for 11 years when he failed to be shortlisted for four posts advertised with Kirklees council, West Yorkshire..... **Page 7**

Civil war rages

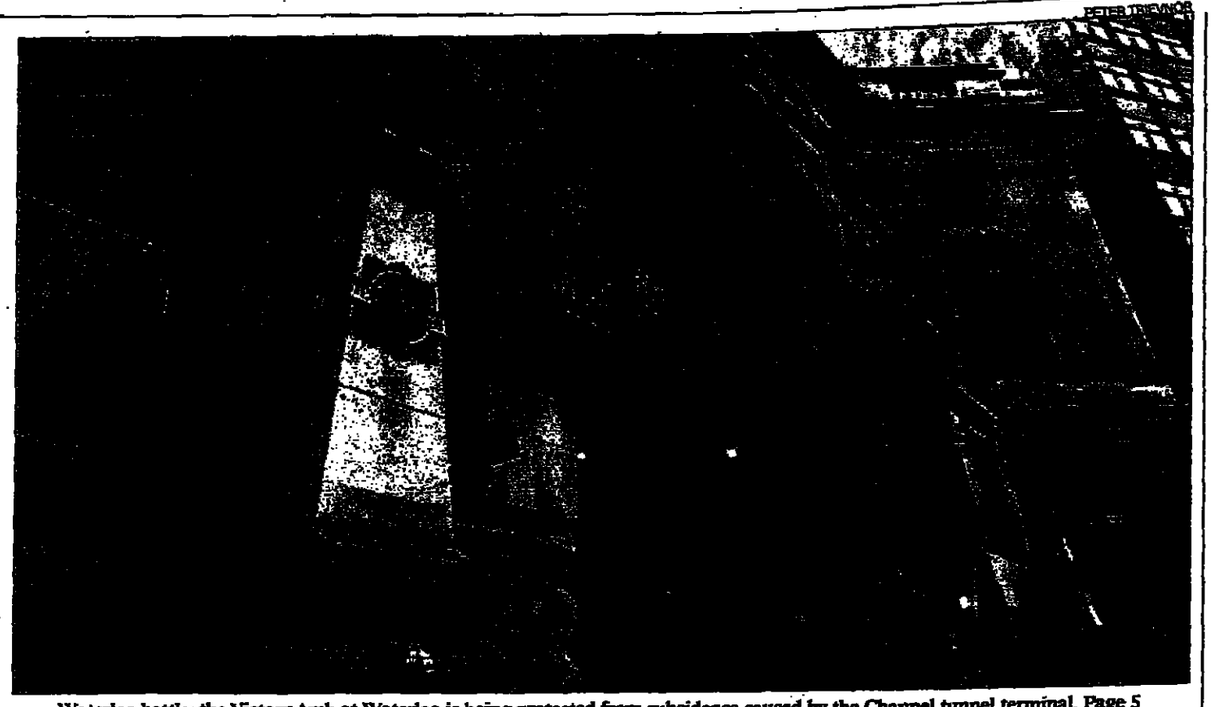
Unita rebels and Angolan government forces were locked in a desperate battle for the central highland town of Cuito near the Unita headquarters after a week of fighting throughout the country. The country's slide back towards all-out civil war appeared to be hastening with reports that UN peacekeepers were preparing to withdraw..... **Page 10**

Building hope

After a week in which Manchester's Moss Side district once again featured as a lawless playground for drug dealers, prostitutes and murderers, the community has been offered a £6 million lifeline by the city council which plans a vast architectural restructuring..... **Page 6**

Princess Margaret leaves hospital

■ Walking slowly, Princess Margaret left the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers after six days' treatment for viral pneumonia, and returned to her apartments at Kensington Palace to recuperate. The Queen's sister, 62, also had tests for lung disease..... **Page 1**



PETER TREVOR

Waterloo battle: the Victory Arch at Waterloo is being protected from subsidence caused by the Channel tunnel terminal. **Page 5**

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Bid winner: Chemicals group Laporte has won the battle with Wassall for Evo-Stik maker Evode, with a £135m offer..... **Page 17**

Bank strike: Banking union leaders are threatening further action after achieving widespread support for a one day strike at TSB**Page 17**

Markets: The pound slipped against the dollar from $1.5407 to $1.5385 but rose against the mark from DM2.5190 to DM2.5247. The pound's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 81.8. The FT-SE 100 fell 17.3..... **Page 20**

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Football: Inspired by three former Liverpool players Aston Villa continue their challenge for the Premier League title..... **Page 31**

Cricket: Chris Lewis took a wicket with his first ball in India then sent two more batsmen back to the pavilion injured..... **Page 32**

ARTS

Bone to pick: If you read the word "dog" in a slab of text and instantly feel warmly emotional or strangely spiritual, then chances are you are either a devoted dog-lover or a devoutly religious dyslexic. Joe Joseph on Crufts..... **Page 1**

Wildlife aid: In the heart of the Surrey stockbroker belt, Sue Moore meets a couple who have dedicated themselves to helping sick and injured wild animals..... **Page 3**

Souped up: Frances Bissell, the *Times* cook, suggests cheap and cheerful broths for January and there is gourmet cooking in Lancashire..... **Pages 4, 5**

Family mystery: If time could be bought, we would have to shop for it on Sunday mornings ... keeping the children amused at weekends..... **Page 11**

Best buy shubs: Discovering some wonderful opportunities in the High Street..... **Page 8**

Back in the Sixties: Hero-worship of the great icons of pop's infancy has even reached that fabulous fivesome, Manfred Mann: a compilation of 22 of their greatest hits evokes the early days of *Ready Steady Go*..... **Weekend, page 14**

Hungarian soap: Television viewers in Hungary are settling down to a new home-made soap-opera, and *Eldorado* it isn't. Said to be about "intellectuals trying to find their places in this new world of democracy", it is set in a Budapest language school, and stars an actor from the Royal Shakespeare company..... **Weekend, page 14**

Someone waiting: Benedict Nightingale discerns a "keen new talent" after reviewing a new play, *Waiting at the Water's Edge*, at the Bush Theatre..... **Weekend, page 14**

Jazz records: Clive Davis with a close-run thing from Benny Carter and rich vocal delivery from Charles Brown. **Weekend, page 14**

ALISTAIR HORNE

On January 22, as the Casablanca conference was winding up, de Gaulle finally arrived — at his arrogant worst, and provoking Churchill to shake a finger in his face and lapse into his famous franglais: "*Mon General, il ne faut pas obstacler la guerre!*"..... **Page 12**

SIMON JENKINS

Whatever the rights and wrongs of removal, it is aesthetically offensive for monumental works to be left scattered round museums ... How can we say to the Egyptians that the Sphinx's beard, sitting in a glass case in London, cannot in any circumstances go back to Giza; that Ramesses will not see again his Luxor pedestal in the sand; that the obelisks given away by obsequious Ottoman governors, may never rise into a clear African sky but must mark junctions in Paris and Rome. The worm is turning..... **Page 12**

Tracey Ullman returns to the screen in a series of comic sketches on the British class system. *A Class Act* (Today, ITV 10pm)

Chequered flag

A prime minister who so quietly rose to power and who so noisily fell from grace has a chance in the next three days to find a level of political noise that he can more happily maintain. There is no point in the conference of his domestic policy advisers at Chequers unless it looks beyond the humiliations of the past six months..... **Page 13**

Angolan anguish

A return to war in Angola would make ending the strife in Mozambique even more difficult than it already is. It would be disastrous for southern Africa, for the prestige of the United Nations, and for the new-found confidence in the benefits of mediation..... **Page 13**

Bully for Bolshoi

Some of the audience at the Albert Hall tonight may end up being hooked for life by the magic of bodies in motion to music. Dull would he be of soul who did not thrill to the leaping emotion and mass discipline of the brave, brassy, Bolshoi dancers..... **Page 13**

Readers suggest how tanker disasters might be prevented ... **Page 13**

Saddam is mainly looking to see what he can get away with. If Washington and the allies were to issue warnings and then default on them, he could be expected to strut and cheat some more

—The Washington Post

Or is the whole thing only bluff? Is it an attempt, by making use of the changeover from Bush to Clinton, to kick the ass of the parting president and to work out how the following one would react?

— Frankfurter Allgemeine

THE TIMES CROSSWORD, NO 19,123

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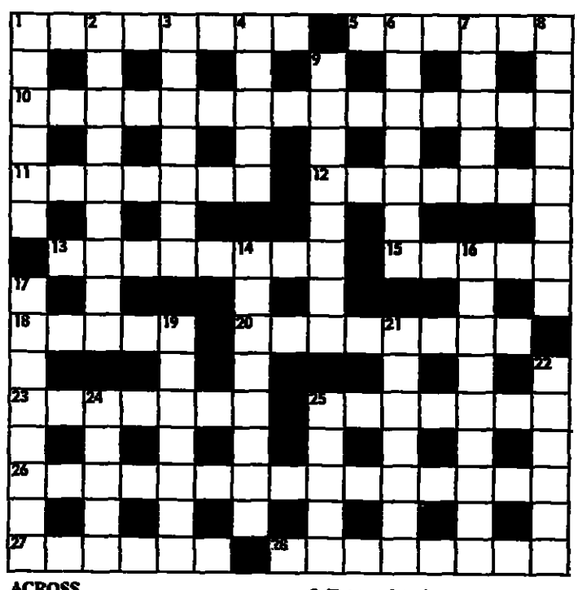

ACROSS

1 Action ending with defeat in bomb-proof chamber (8).
5 Loves the fuss about Society (6).
10 Any tall American can construct a food tube (10,5).
11 More than half a sonnet written for musicians (7).
12 Leave hurriedly in vessel keeping low (7).
13 Slips into baggy trousers (8).
15 Laboratory has origins of English language to identify (5).
18 Likeness that's out of a periodical (5).
20 Belabour tramp (8).
23 It's hot in the club bar — turn to this sort of gin (4-3).
25 W Indian dance company accepts odd plays (7).
26 Tory party taken in about the dole and having second thoughts (15).
27 This cactus is a drug on the market (6).
28 Favour tarry rope for mast (8).

DOWN

1 The boatman's tea boy (6).
2 Trace crime by ploughman, say (9).
3 In Virgil, Latin is the great teacher (7).
4 Claim the championship (5).
6 Such currency is claimed to be free (7).
7 Run over party piece (5).
8 Boy is placed in disgrace in an unforgiving way (8).
9 With Vat, tyres can be a ridiculous figure (8).
14 This shows who the title-holder is (2-6).
16 Model for an obscene publication (9).
17 Part of gun carriage raised in exercise (6,2).
19 Old metal weight, now obsolete (7).
21 Fortification for conflict en masse (7).
22 Girl will accept nothing as a gratuity (6).
24 Showing poor taste — and a bit wet (5).
25 Satchel a pupil holds (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,11

B	A	C	K	S	L	A	N	G		M	U	M	P	S
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Solution to Puzzle No 19,122

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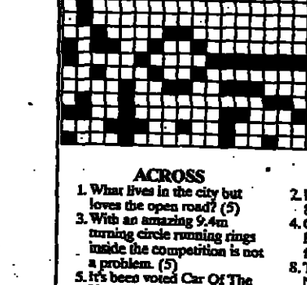
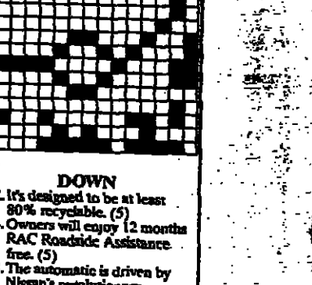
MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	c	Madrid	7	45	s
Akrotiri	11	52	c	Majorca	16	61	s
Alex'dria	13	55	c	Malaga	13	55	s
Algiers	14	57	s	Malta	15	59	s
Amst'dm	6	43	f	Melb'rne	19	66	c
Athens	14	57	f	Mexico C*	20	68	s
Bahrain	21	70	s	Miami*	26	82	f
Bangkok	30	86	f	Milan	1	34	s
Barbados*	27	81	c	Montreal*	-1	30	c
Barcelna	13	55	s	Moscow	1	34	sn
Beirut	8	46	t	Munich	8	46	r
Belgrade	-1	30	c	Naples	12	54	s
Berlin	8	46	f	N Delhi	13	55	fg
Bermuda*	24	75	s	N York*	5	41	s
Biarritz	13	55	s	Nice	15	59	s
Borde'x	12	54	c	Oslo	4	39	s
Brussels	7	45	f	Paris	8	46	f
Budapst	-1	30	fg	Peking	-3	27	sn
B Aires*	29	84	f	Perth	37	99	s
Cairo	13	55	c	Prague	7	45	r
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Reykjavik	-3	27	f
Chicago*	-3	27	c	Rhodes	11	52	s
Ch'church	21	70	s	Rio de J	33	91	s
Cologne	7	45	s	Riyadh	28	82	s
C'phgn	5	41	s	Rome	13	55	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Salzburg	5	41	r
Dublin	6	43	s	S F'cisco*	12	54	f
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Santiago*	19	66	f
Faro	14	57	s	S Paulo*	30	86	f
Florence	10	50	s	Seoul	4	39	s
Frankfurt	7	45	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	18	64	s	St'kholm	0	32	sn
Geneva	7	45	s	Strasb'rg	8	46	c
Gibraltar	13	55	s	Sydney	23	73	f
Helsinki	1	34	c	Tangier	16	61	s
Innsbrck	4	39	c	Tel Aviv	11	52	c
Istanbul	8	37	f	Tenerife	18	64	s
Jeddah	28	79	f	Tokyo	11	52	s
Jo'burg*	31	88	s	Toronto*	0	32	c
L Palmas	17	63	s	Tunis	13	55	c
Le Touet	8	46	s	Valencia	15	59	s
Lisbon	5	41	fg	Vanc'ver*	-5	18	s
Locarno	9	48	c	Venice	6	46	f
London	7	45	s	Vienna	2	36	r
L Angels*	16	61	c	Warsaw	1	34	f
Luxembg	6	43	c	Wash'ton*	8	46	c
Luxor	15	59	s	Wel'rton	19	66	f
				Zurich	6	43	c

* denotes figures are latest available

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.5	-	5	41	sunny
Anglesey	2.4	0.06	8	46	bright
Aviemore	0.2	0.43	3	37	snow
Belfast	2.1	0.08	5	41	bright
Birmingham	4.7	0.04	7	45	sunny
Bognor Regis	4.9	0.03	8	46	sunny
Bournemouth	3.5	0.02	9	48	bright
Bristol	5.5	0.17	8	46	sunny
Buxton	5.0	0.07	4	39	sunny
Cardiff	5.8	0.13	8	46	sunny
Clacton	4.7	-	7	45	sunny
Cromer	4.7	0.05	6	43	sunny
Douglas	0.8	0.05	6	43	cloudy
Edinburgh	4.3	0.04	5	41	bright
Eskdalemuir	0.8	0.22	4	39	snow
Exmouth	4.5	0.01	9	48	sunny
Falmouth	4.5	0.07	10	50	sunny
Folkestone	5.8	0.05	7	45	sunny
Glasgow	1.7	0.11	6	43	bright
Guernsey	3.7	0.04	11	52	sunny
Hastings	5.1	0.05	8	46	sunny
Hunstanton	5.3	0.01	5	41	sunny
Jersey	5.4	0.08	9	48	sunny
Kinloss	1.5	0.17	5	41	snow
Leeds	5.2	0.02	7	45	shower
Lerwick	0.1	0.28	4	39	snow
Littlehampton	4.7	0.02	8	46	sunny
Liverpool	4.0	0.10	7	45	bright
London	4.4	-	8	46	sunny
Lowestoft	2.7	0.05	6	43	sunny
Manchester	4.8	0.06	7	45	sunny
Minehead	5.3	0.09	9	48	sunny
Morecambe	1.7	0.11	7	45	bright
Newcastle	5.0	0.02	7	45	sunny
Nottingham	5.1	0.04	6	43	sunny
Penzance	3.7	0.06	10	50	bright
Plymouth	5.0	0.03	9	48	sunny
Prestwick	0.8	0.19	6	43	shower
Staunton Snd	5.1	-	11	52	sunny
Scarborough	4.7	0.02	6	43	sunny
Scilly Isles	3.2	0.02	10	50	bright
Shanklin	4.9	0.02	8	46	sunny
Southsea	5.1	0.02	9	48	sunny
Stornoway	0.7	0.13	7	45	shower
Swanage	5.4	0.02	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	4.9	0.03	9	48	sunny
Tenby	4.5	0.08	9	48	sunny
Tiree	0.4	0.21	8	46	shower
Torquay	5.9	-	10	50	sunny
Weymouth	5.0	0.04	9	48	sunny
Wick	2.8	0.13	3	37	snow





London 4.12 pm to 8.03 am
Bristol 4.22 pm to 8.13 am
Edinburgh 4.01 pm to 8.19 am
Manchester 4.11 pm to 8.21 am
Penzance 4.40 pm to 8.19 am

London 4.14 pm to 8.03 am
Bristol 4.24 pm to 8.13 am
Edinburgh 4.03 pm to 8.38 am
Manchester 4.12 pm to 8.21 am
Penzance 4.41 pm to 8.18 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 8.04 am
Sun sets: 4.12 pm
Moon sets 8.21 am
Moon rises 5.56 pm
Last quarter January 15

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 8.03 am
Sun sets: 4.14 pm
Moon rises 8.49 am
Moon sets 7.21 pm
Last quarter January 15

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells		Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.37	2.17	Japan Yen	210.00	191.00
Austria Sch	18.75	17.25	Netherlands Gld	3.00	2.77
Belgium Fr	55.00	50.60	Norway Kr	11.37	10.57
Canada $	2.09	1.93	Portugal Esc	237.70	219.70
Denmark Kr	10.36	9.56	South Africa Rd	5.20	4.50
Finland Mkk	9.11	8.31	Spain Pta	185.00	172.00
France Fr	9.06	8.36	Sweden Kr	12.14	11.14
Germany Dm	2.66	2.46	Switzerland Fr	2.43	2.25
Greece Dr	357.00	332.00	Turkey Lira	14100.0	13100.0
Hong Kong $	12.53	11.53	USA $	1.63	1.50
Ireland Pt	1.01	0.93			
Italy Lira	2435.00	2270.00			

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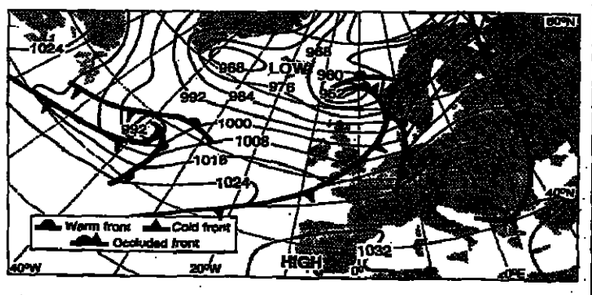

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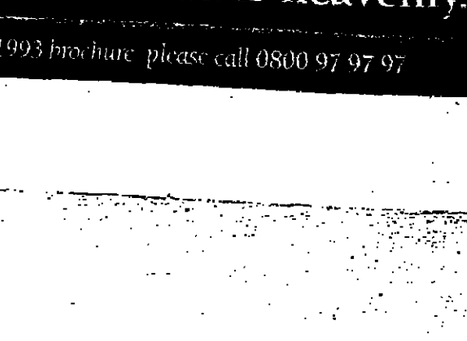

ACROSS

1. What lives in the city but loves the open road? (5)
3. With an amazing 9.4m turning circle running rings inside the competition is not a problem. (5)
5. It's been voted Car Of The Year 1993. (5)
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9. The only car in its class featuring 4-channel ABS. (5)
11. Five-link rear suspension gives this family car the ride quality of a luxury model. (5)
13. A 16-bit electronic engine management system (ECCS) lives under its bonnet. (5)

DOWN

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WEEKEND MONEY

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Annual bonus rates on with-profits insurance policies have been cut by up to a third, with shorter term policies bearing the brunt
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Police caused £485 of damage rescuing a woman from her flat, but her insurer is refusing to pay
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Direct debits collected before they are due can have an upsetting effect on the family budget as Elaine Mutimer found
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CASHING OUT

Are Peps simply a device for transferring funds from the Inland Revenue to financial advisers?
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Laporte sees off Wassall to win Evode

By Patricia Tehan

■ Laporte is planning significant cost reductions, with substantial rationalisation of the enlarged business, to make its successful takeover of Evode pay off

LAPORTE, the speciality chemicals group, has emerged the victor in the battle for Evode, the Evo-Stik maker, trumping Wassall's £113 million offer with an agreed £135 million bid.

Laporte, which already held 6.1 per cent of Evode shares, took its stake to 12.2 per cent yesterday. In addition, Evode directors and trusts held by the family of Andrew Simon, the chairman, have committed their 6 million shares to the offer, a total stake of 8.3 per cent. They have not yet indicated whether they will take the Laporte share offer, which values Evode ordinary shares at 125.3p, or the alternative 115p in cash.

Wassall said it was pulling out of the battle, with an announcement that it would not increase its 95p a share bid. Although Wassall's costs have been covered, it is unlikely to do more than break-even after expenses on the sale of its 2.55 million shares to Laporte.

Ken Minton, chief executive at Laporte, said there will be no dilution of earnings in the first full year after the acquisition — the financial year to end-December 1994. He said this will be achieved by "substantial rationalisation of these businesses in order to achieve a solid base for the future". He was unable to say how many of the 2,400 Evode workforce would be made redundant.

Mr Minton said he is looking for significant cost reductions to make the deal pay off. Head office functions will be merged and corporate and divisional overheads reduced. He hopes to see savings on the cost of raw materials and expects benefits from improved distribution as Laporte products are sold through Evode channels. He said he hopes Laporte will add value to the Evode businesses and increase profit margins.

Mr Minton said the costs of rationalisation will be charged to reserves "but we are not looking to substantial provisions to achieve earnings enhancement".

In return for trumping the Wassall price, Mr Minton said Laporte had insisted on Evode management support to do what it needed to make the company viable.

Mr Simon will become a non-executive director of Laporte. David Winterbottom, Evode's chief executive, will act as a consultant to Laporte for a year.

Mr Minton said Evode will not be treated as a separate, additional company. The two companies' businesses will be merged, with non-core companies run from the centre until Laporte finds buyers for them. He said Evode's adhesives and sealants business and its polymer compounding side, which represent 67 per cent of total sales, "are the really important parts of the Evode business for us".

Of the rest, he said, plastics fabrication companies will be developed and rationalised. The powder coatings companies will be "sorted out and then we will decide what we are going to do with them". The remaining businesses, accounting for £41.6 million of Evode's £239 million sales, are non-core.

Laporte has offered 23 new shares for every 112 Evode ordinary shares. Each Evode preference share is valued at 108.9p and the issued convertible preference share capital is valued at £44.4 million. The total cost of the bid for Laporte will approach £210 million, including £28 million it expects to pay to buy out the two US convertible preference shareholders, the estimated £5 million penalty of doing so, and £42 million debts.

The chemicals group also forecast profits of not less than £86 million for the year just ended and earnings per share of 39p, down from 40p. It plans to pay a total dividend of 19.5p, up from 18.9p.

Laporte also revealed that it is paying £6 million to buy Silo, the world's fourth largest iron oxide colourants maker, based in Italy. The acquisition includes £17 million of debt, making a total cost to Laporte of £23 million.

To help cover the debt it is acquiring and to pay off the US preference shareholders, Laporte is making a placing and 1-for-10 open offer of 15.4 million new shares at 560p to raise £84 million after expenses. The price is a 14 per cent discount on Laporte's closing 649p share price on Monday, the day before it announced it was in talks with Evode. Last night the shares closed down 27p at 583p.

The cash raised will ensure gearing is reduced to around 40 per cent once the acquisition of the two businesses is complete, compared with an estimated 45 per cent at the end of December.

SIMON WALKER

Strike alight: TSB staff, yesterday, picketing the bank's London clearing headquarters

Further strike threat at TSB

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

BANKING union leaders are threatening further industrial action at the TSB after achieving widespread support for the one-day strike yesterday.

The Banking, Insurance and Finance Union said that more than half TSB's 1,400 branches were closed or unable to offer any customer service, and that 14,000 of the 23,000 staff stayed away.

The bank said less than a quarter of its network was closed and claimed the impact on customers had been minimal. It apologised, however, for any inconvenience.

Support for the strike was patchy across the south of England but much stronger in the North, Scotland and Wales. On Merseyside, all 120 branches were shut.

Pickets turned away cheque deliveries at TSB's two sorting centres in London and Edinburgh on Thursday night, which could delay payments by up to two days, although overnight computer processing continued as normal.

Most of the bank's cash machines remained open but they were not refilled and many will run out of cash during the weekend.

"This is the most effective action in a major clearing bank in 20 years and it is the first such action over jobs since the second world war," a union spokesman said.

Leif Mills, Bifu's general secretary, has written to Sir Nicholas Goodison, TSB Group's chairman, asking him to reopen talks over the bank's planned job losses. TSB wants to cut up to 1,000 staff in a reorganisation to merge the management of the banking and insurance businesses. This follows 5,000 jobs losses since 1989 from an earlier reorganisation.

The union's disputes committee will meet on Tuesday to decide on further action, expected to be a series of strikes about the branch network.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5385 (-0.0022)
German mark
2.5247 (+0.0057)
Exchange index
81.8 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2176.8 (-16.5)
FT-SE 100
2799.2 (-17.3)
New York Dow Jones
3253.83 (-14.86)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
16634.69 (-146.29)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 7%
3-month Interbank: 7 5/16-7 1/4%
3-month eligible bills: 6 7/8-6 13/16%
US: Prime Rate: 6%
Federal Funds: 2 7/8%*
3-month Treasury Bills: 3.07-3.05%*
30-year bonds: 101 29/32-101 15/16*

CURRENCIES

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Devaluation of punt could be imminent

By Wolfgang Münchau

PRESSURE on the Irish punt is likely to continue next week, amid growing expectations that the new Irish government might accept a devaluation within the exchange-rate mechanism, or even the currency's suspension from the mechanism.

A range of Irish interest rates rose sharply yesterday after Thursday night's rise in overnight rates from 50 to 100 per cent. A suspension of the punt would signal a further concentration of the ERM around a small hard-core group of currencies.

Speculative pressure on the French franc subsided further after Thursday's modest cut in the rate used by the Bundesbank in securities repurchase operations. But the punt remained under fire. The Bank of Ireland's interest rate measures had only limited effect. The punt closed at DM2.6270, well within the ERM danger zone, and only marginally higher than its ERM floor of DM2.6190.

The rise in overnight rates was followed by a rise in Irish inter-bank rates to between 70 and 95 per cent. The rate for three-month money rose from 25 to 30 per cent.

Such rates are considered unsustainable in a depressed economy with unemployment close to 20 per cent.

Mark Brett, director of bonds and currencies at BZW, said a suspension of the punt "would not mean British-style suspension, which means suspension forever".

Equitable Life sells stake in Airtours

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE second biggest shareholder in Airtours, the holiday company locked in a £220 million hostile bid for its rival Owners Abroad, has sold its stake at the start of what is likely to prove a lengthy and bruising bid battle, sending the Airtours share price sharply lower.

Equitable Life had 6.7 per cent of the company, bought in 1991 and now showing a substantial profit. At the beginning of that year the shares were worth less than 50p; this week's sale to Morgan Grenfell was at 260p.

This was well below the Airtours price, and the shares dived yesterday when the market heard of the sale, although they recovered to end at 288p, down 3p on the day. Airtours' advisers were making light of the news, but the Owners camp insisted the sale indicated a lack of confidence in the bid. Equitable Life had no comment to make.

Owners shares also fell, by 3p to 119p. Rumours that a proposed pan-European alliance with Thomas Cook and LTU Group, the leading German holiday firm, was close to collapse were strongly denied by a Cook spokesman. He said: "The sound logic that supported that arrangement a few weeks ago still stands."

Owners' shareholders had been due to vote on the European link yesterday, which had been opposed by Airtours, but the meeting was adjourned until after the formal offer document is issued.

Shoe exporter catches DTI flat-footed

By Jon Ashworth

TONY WHITE

Quickening step: Sarah Adler needed German contacts

SMALLER British companies must keep their wits about them in these tough times. When they need help in selling abroad, the trade department has a scheme called "the export initiative" to keep them out of trouble. At least, that is the theory.

Sarah Adler, a director of a small north London shoe exporter, needed a list of footwear manufacturers in Germany. She rang the department.

After being passed around by the switchboard, she was told no such list existed. It was possible to prepare one, certainly, but she would have to pay. There was an alternative, though. She could come to the DTI library, pay a fee, and page through the reference books until she found what she required. The DTI also gave her the telephone number of the British Embassy in Bonn. "I phoned them and got a cheerful gentleman who invited me to call in," said Mrs Adler, who had not been planning to fly to Germany to obtain her list. She declined the offer.

Finally, she called international directory enquiries. "I asked for anything with the word "shoe" in it but did not have a town," she said. The operator tracked down the *Deutscher Schuheinzelhandel*, the shoe retailers' federation in Cologne, which faxed her three pages of addresses within half an hour.

"I drew a complete blank with the DTI to get information which a telephonist in Cologne could give me within minutes," said Mrs Adler. "I find it amazing. Here we are being encouraged to export, and I was told by the Germans rather than the Brits how to do it."

Her tale was greeted with predictable rage by small business groups. "We cringe when we hear stories like this," said a spokesman for the Forum of Private Business, a lobby group small companies. "The DTI can give business an overview but can't help with the nuts and bolts. If small firms in Britain are to have a fighting chance, it will have to do better than this."

The Confederation of British Industry was sympathetic. "There can never be too much information," a spokesman said. "However, there may be a charge." The CBI provides members with contact addresses on request.

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Christmas brings little joy to Boots

■ Britain's largest retail chemist has punctured hopes that a late sales peak delivered a successful Christmas to Britain's recession-hit high streets

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BOOTS has broken ranks with the other big retailers by indicating a Christmas trading performance that was little better than mixed, and suffered a 25p fall in its share price to 510p as a result.

Part of the blame is being laid at the door of Super Mario and Sonic the Hedgehog. Although computer games sales at Boots were up 25 per cent this Christmas, the group is well behind competitors such as Comet and Dixons in this area, and the boom in games drew sales away from its music and video operations.

Despite this caution, a record £2 billion was spent on credit and debit cards over Christmas, figures from the banking industry suggest. Customers spent 15 per cent more on Barclays' Visa and MasterCards during December, £1.45 billion compared with £1.25 billion. Allowing for new business, the rise was about 12 per cent.

The most spectacular increase in spending was on computers and games, up 67 per cent. Mail order jumped 32 per cent and travel spending was up 19 per cent.

John Eaton, managing director of Barclays Merchant Services, said that although some of the increased use of cards was due to a bigger market share, the figures still indicated higher than expected spending.

Boots' sales figures, for the third quarter of its financial year, taking in Christmas and ending on December 31, were followed by a reduction in analysts' profits estimates for the full year.

Sales at Boots the Chemists showed like-for-like sales growth of 4.4 per cent, but the Do It All DIY business, a joint venture with WH Smith, fell 3 per cent in the same period. WH Smith shares fell 19p to 469p.

Sir James Blyth, chief executive of Boots, said the group's businesses, highly sensitive to Christmas trading, showed a late sales peak. The increase at Boots the Chemists was in line with expectations.

Results from Halfords, the car accessories chain, and Childrens World were somewhat lower, but there had been some improvement after Christmas, particularly at Halfords with the arrival of colder weather.

"In our view it is still too soon to deduce any longer term consumer spending trends," Sir James said.

John Richards, retail analyst at County NatWest, said the news from Boots was "marginally disappointing" but that the fall in the share price reflected earlier unrealistic expectations of Christmas trading that were in the market.

Mr Richards has cut his estimate of Boots' pre-tax profits for the year to end-March by £9 million to £410 million, although he says that £5 million of the reduction comes from increased spending on Manoplax, the heart drug that was cleared for use in America last month.

High street blues: Sir James Blyth, chief executive, reported a Christmas performance that disappointed the City

Pepe Group awards directors pay rises despite losses

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

CERTAIN directors at Pepe Group, the troubled jeans maker, were awarded substantial pay rises last year, despite last month's announcement of hefty losses and a £9.1 million rescue open offer.

Late last month Pepe stunned the market when its much-delayed results for the year to end-March showed a £10.1 million pre-tax loss (£2.74 million restated profit), accompanied by a 5p-a-share open offer and plans for a delisting. At the same time, Pepe gave a warning that it was in "severe" financial difficulties and that it was likely to cease trading if the open offer was not approved by shareholders.

The open offer was substantially underwritten by new management and Novel, a Hong Kong textile company that bought a 29.6 per cent stake in Pepe last March. The new investors included Maurice Marciano, former president of Guess Jeans, and Laurence Stroll, a director of Tommy Hilfiger, the American clothing group, who became chief executive.

Pepe's latest annual accounts, for the year to end-March 1992, show that directors' pay increased by £33,000 to £490,000, despite the losses. The accounts also reveal that the highest-paid director received £134,000, against £88,000. The number of directors increased by two to make a total of nine for 1992, with three being paid between £105,000 and £135,000. However, most of the current management were not running the group for the period in question.

Pepe's rescue — following a badly managed international expansion after it became the leading UK jeans brand behind Levi's in the late eighties — was led by an investment management consortium put together by Silas Chou. Mr Chou had replaced Arun Shah, who founded the group, as chairman when Novel bought its stake in Pepe last March. Mr Shah remains an executive director.

The accounts also show that Mr Chou received no emoluments from the date of his appointment on March 23 1992 until the year end. The former chairman received emoluments of £60,000 (£61,000) and subsequently £1,000.

The loss attributable to shareholders for the last financial year was £15.1 million (£241,000 loss). Pepe's USM-quoted shares were unchanged at 4p, against 9p at the time of the open offer.

BCCI meeting sought

LIQUIDATORS of the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International will ask the High Court for a meeting of worldwide creditors (Reuter reports).

Touche Ross, the accountant, has asked for a court hearing next Tuesday for permission to arrange a meeting of depositors of BCCI SA, the main banking operation of the BCCI group, and its branches worldwide, a spokesman said.

The meeting would be held in the spring, according to Keith Vaz, the Labour MP who has campaigned on behalf of BCCI creditors and who welcomed the move.

The liquidators have up to now resisted a creditors meeting. The proposal was aimed at reconstituting the informal creditors' committee, which usually works with the liquidators in winding up the insolvent company, Mr Vaz said.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Rebels at Arthur Shaw seek to oust chairman

REBEL shareholders at Arthur Shaw, the USM window fittings maker, have called for an extraordinary meeting to try to oust Gordon Pearson, the chairman, and replace him with Ian Tickler, his predecessor. Shareholders representing more than 49 per cent of the company's equity are said to be supporting the move. Mr Tickler and his family, which founded the company in 1909, own 13.4 per cent of the equity against Mr Pearson's 15 per cent. The dissident shareholders are also calling for the reappointment of Donald Crammond, who was ousted from the board at the company's annual meeting last August. The move follows growing concern over the management of the company and fears that the business is losing direction.

Hartstone buys in Spain

HARTSTONE Group, the hosiery and leather goods company, has exercised its option to buy Aznar Industrial (Azinsa), a Spanish group, for 1.84 billion pesetas (£10.4 million). Azinsa designs, makes and distributes underwear, lingerie and beachwear that is sold principally under the Marie Claire brand name through department stores and independent retailers. An initial consideration of 638 million pesetas will be paid in cash, with a further 1.2 billion pesetas to be satisfied by April, through payment of 1 billion pesetas in cash and 596,156 new Hartstone ordinary shares.

Lowe's losses mount

ROBERT H Lowe slid deeper into the red as a sharp fall in demand combined with difficult trading conditions to take their toll on the troubled clothing maker. Pre-tax losses rose to £667,000 (£297,000 loss) in the year to end-October, on turnover down to £32.2 million (£34 million). The losses were exacerbated by redundancy and closure costs, which led to an exceptional charge of £529,000. There was also an extraordinary loss of £1.31 million, relating to the closure costs of the group's Dublin operation. The loss per share is reduced to 2.85p (9.3p loss). There is again no dividend.

Venture switched off

PHILIPS Electronics, led by Jan Timmer, right, and Siemens, the German company, have dropped plans for joint ventures in telecommunication cables and optical fibres because the underlying economics are no longer attractive. Notification of the ventures has been withdrawn from the mergers office of the EC, which had found grounds for an enquiry.

Surveyor cuts dividend

HERRING Baker Harris, the chartered surveyor, has issued a profits warning and halved its dividend after continued "difficult" trading. Peter Farrington, chief executive, said the group is likely to report a "small loss of around £150,000" for the second half when it announces its full-year results in April. Pre-tax profits of £1.6 million were made in the half-year to end-July, 1992, and the company expects a profit of £1.4 million for the full year against £3.5 million last time. Mr Farrington expects a final dividend of "not less than 0.5p" which would bring the total for the year to 3.75p (7p).

KIO company sues

LAWYERS representing Grupo Torras, the Spanish industrial holding company controlled by Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), have brought a lawsuit in Madrid against the former managers for alleged irregularities. Cited in the suit were Javier de la Rosa, a Catalan financier and former deputy chairman of Torras, Fouad Jaffar, former KIO general manager, and a number of Spanish executives including Narciso de Mir, Jorge Nunez, Miguel Soler and Juan Jose Folchi. Last month Mahmoud al-Nouri, Torras deputy chairman, said the group was going into receivership.

Grosvenor Inns grows

GROSVENOR Inns, the public house operator that came to the USM last May after a £5.7 million placing, is paying a maiden interim dividend of 2p after reporting pre-tax profits of £319,000 for the half year to November 28. The company operates a portfolio of public houses in the South East and Midlands. Turnover amounted to £3.52 million, with the trading profit to turnover ratio rising from 18 per cent to 22 per cent between June and November. Earnings per share were 2.8p. The company is confident of a much stronger second half. The shares rose 7p to 85p.

Video rivals square up for small-screen battle

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

STAND by for the intergalactic price battle of all time: Sega, once the upstart of the $5.3 billion video games industry, predicts it will overtake Nintendo, the industry leader, in the crucial 16-bit market where Sega sells Genesis and Nintendo's hero started as an animated Italian plumber named Mario.

Douglas Glen, Sega's marketing director, says it drew level with Nintendo in the run-up to Christmas and forecasts it will overtake its fellow Japanese-based rival this year as both companies aggressively cut prices.

The two have been locked in price combat in America for more than three months. In October, the rivals cut the price of their video games systems to $99. A year ago, Nintendo was charging $199.95 and Sega $149.95.

Bill White, Nintendo's marketing director, remains calm, claiming 70 per cent of the 16-bit market. Nintendo of America says last year's sales will hit $4.28 billion, up 22 per cent and another record. Sales came from 13.3 million systems and 23 million games. Sega claims 4.5 million game sets sales and 16 million software games.

Nintendo is poised to launch the Star Fox game on a Super FX microchip that allows three-dimensional special effects, while Sega will unveil its Activator game, which allows players to control screen characters by manipulating infra-red beams.

Jobs to go at Belfast Airport

A QUARTER of the workforce at Belfast International Airport is to be made redundant. Northern Ireland Airports, the state company that runs the airport and is due to be privatised in a trade sale once the enabling legislation goes through Parliament, said it was hoped to achieve the cutback voluntarily. The present staff complement of 384 is to be cut by 95 posts.

News of the cutback at Ulster's principal airport came only hours after its smaller rival, Belfast City Airport, reported continuing strong growth, handling more than 612,000 passengers last year, an increase of 13.5 per cent.

Evangelist to lift TVS offer

PAT Robertson, the American television evangelist bidding for TVS Entertainment, said he would increase his offer to preference shareholders, several of whom have held out for better terms and threatened the success of the bid.

Mr Robertson's International Family Entertainment (IFE) has gained the backing of Sun Life Investment Management, which has 10 per cent of the preference shares, for a higher offer, worth 60p in cash or 66.7p in IFE paper. This will formally be made only if, as seems likely, the ordinary share offer goes unconditional by Tuesday, the closing date.

The agreement with Sun Life means IFE has 79 per cent of the ordinary shares and 52.8 per cent of the preferences in TVS, which, at the end of last year, surrendered the franchise to broadcast to the south of England. The offer needs to attract 75 per cent acceptances from holders of preference shares before IFE can compulsorily convert the outstanding holdings.

Robertson: more backing

Indications from dissident shareholders, who had been holding out for nearer 70p for every preference share against an earlier offer of 43p, was that they might accept the new offer, particularly if the IFE share price improves in New York. "Everybody comes out of this with honours squared," said one source close to the dissident camp. "What we have said all along, that the offer should be increased, has proved to be true. The time has come to move on."

But the preference shareholders will not make up their minds until the higher offer is formally launched. If IFE reaches 75 per cent and the ordinary offer goes unconditional, the last obstacle would be removed in the long struggle to take over the former ITV franchise-holder. Mr Robertson's plans involve setting up a satellite TV channel to serve Britain, using TVS's existing broadcasting facilities.

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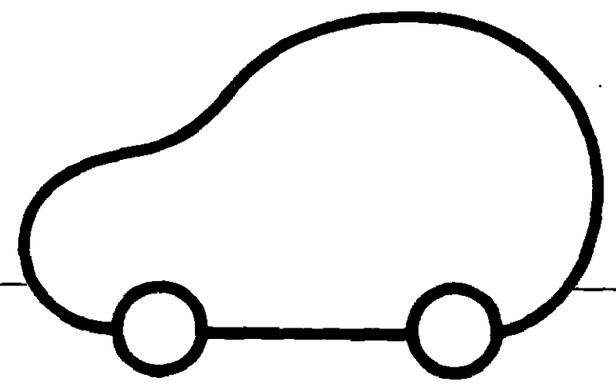

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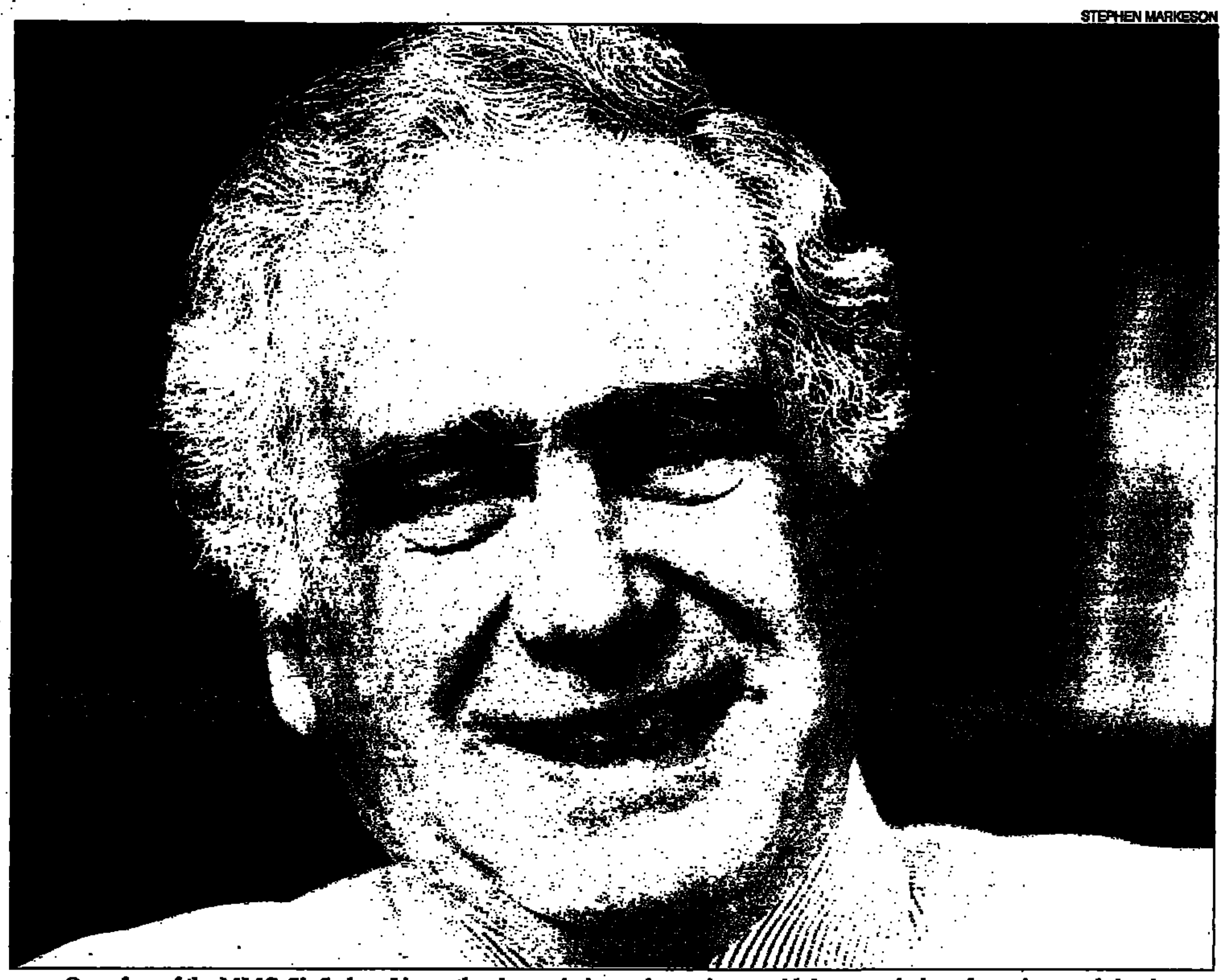
BUSINESS PROFILE: Sir Sydney Lipworth

Industrialist in search of a final challenge

Carol Leonard finds that the head of the MMC cares little for appearances but has a sharp legal mind for business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Open face of the MMC: Sir Sydney Lipworth, who as chairman has striven to rid the commission of mystique and ritual

Sir Sydney Lipworth, chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, leans back in his chair, swivels it around and stretches out his arms, placing his hands firmly on the back of his head. His jacket is off, his tie twisted to reveal an old dry cleaning tag and his office, in a drab government building near Chancery Lane, is far from interior designed. A large dark desk, a large dark table, an old brown leather chair and a sofa arrangement in cheap, dated brown tweed. Lipworth is far more interested in conversation than surroundings, in people than appearances.

Just as he had no idea that his office is predominantly brown in colour, so he will be oblivious to the clothes people wear. "I'm not a terribly discerning person aesthetically," he says. "I'm largely oblivious to my surroundings. I do not notice the clothes people wear, I'm not that observant. I notice their demeanour, their stance." Lipworth, a softly-spoken South African, who has been a member of the commission for 12 years and its chairman for the past five, does not look people up and down as they walk into his office. Not even a cursory once over. He would not know whether your shoes were polished or your finger nails clean. He would, instead, be looking you steadfastly in the eye. His own eyes are soft and kind and this experience is therefore not threatening, except in so far as you can feel yourself being drawn out, exposed to his penetrating gaze. Lipworth takes the trouble to ask you about yourself and his natural enthusiasm for life means that he is genuinely interested in your replies. He is a man who demands — and delivers — nothing but the truth. A man to whom dishonesty would be unthinkable and compromise often illogical.

> 'He is the first ever chairman of the MMC to understand what it is like to be in business'

He is uninterested in superficiality and there is nothing in his make-up that is superficial. He is reserved rather than shy but that reserve remains more or less in place no matter how well you know him. He has developed no false exterior with which to confront the world. Instead, his reserve goes hand in hand with a deep-seated modesty, to the point that while he tells the truth, he might not tell quite the whole truth if he thinks it could sound brash or boastful.

He talks about his house in St John's Wood, a Victorian gothic mansion. He admits, reluctantly, that it has seven bedrooms and says that although he and his French wife Rosa — mother of his two sons, Bertrand, 33, and Frank, 30 — rarely go out to restaurants, they do sometimes give dinner parties at home. "No we wouldn't cook ourselves, we would probably get someone in to do it," he replies, when asked. But he fails to mention that those dinner parties, around the swimming pool in his conservatory, can be for up to 200 people and are invariably in aid of one of his charitable causes. Nor does he mention that the property also houses a spectacular collection of art. Lipworth, aged 61, honest and open that he is, is not devoid of complexities. He describes himself as anything but an aesthete and yet, his private art collection aside, he is also chairman of the Philharmonia Orchestra's trust, a member of the Royal Academy's trust and he was once on the board of Sadler's Wells. He admires Churchill and is fascinated by Shakespeare. He was born and brought up in South Africa, of Jewish Lithuanian descent, and his father was a company secretary and office manager. He was always top of his class, left university with two degrees, trained as a barrister — "I had only £90 in my bank account when I started" — and moved to Britain when he was 33 years old, a rank outsider by any measure of British society. Yet he has risen with comparative ease to the very top of the British establishment. In his earlier business activities, in various partnerships with Sir Mark Weinberg, Donald Gordon and Joel Joffe, he revolutionised the life insurance industry by targeting, for the first time, professionals in his own peer group, and he helped to create four successful companies in the process: Liberty Life of Africa, Abbey Life, Hambro Life and Allied Dunbar. He has a personal fortune that must amount to many millions of pounds and yet he drives a five-year-old Ford Fiesta. "It's easier around town," he says. "I do not believe in trappings. If I need something for a particular purpose then I will go and get it, but not otherwise. I don't like spending money on myself. I like to be well dressed, but not flashy, and I have very few needs after that."

Patricia Mann, of J. Walter Thompson, the advertising agency, who has been a member of the commission for nine years, says that she has never heard anyone say anything bad about Lipworth. "He is an exceptional individual," she says. "He has a legal background which gives him a good grasp of his subject and makes him perfect for this job. He also has a great talent for getting out of individuals the bit they can contribute the best. He encourages you, stretches you and supports you. He has a very generous spirit. If you talk to people who have been in front of him at the commission they will say that he is very firm, very fair, very courteous and very much in control. In situations where some people might get in a tizz, he remains calm and consistent. He might be diffident personally but he is totally undiffident when it comes to professional matters."

One leading industrialist, who has been on the receiving end of Lipworth's judgments, agrees. "He is the first ever chairman of the MMC to understand what it is like to be in business. He has the necessary legal brain and the industrial experience that is needed in that job." Lipworth, whose tenure at the commission ends in April, making way for a second industrialist, Graeme Odgers, chief executive of Alfred McAlpine, has good cause to be satisfied with his achievements. He has restructured the commission along more business-like lines, with impressive results. Up until 1987, when he became its chairman, the average length of time for the completion of a referral of a proposed merger to the commission was six months, with frequent extensions of up to three months. The norm is now three months in total. Monopoly references, which once took as much as four years to complete, now average 15 months. Lipworth says his job is "one of the most stimulating and intellectually challenging" he has had. "We have first-class discussions and brain power all around us. After all, nobody brings poor counsel or poor lawyers here.

"We are probing all the time and we are punctilious to the nth degree as far as fairness is concerned. Of course, we do get knife-edge cases, where it could go either way and the disappointed parties can be very vocal, but we have to live with the slings and arrows. We just have to do what we believe to be right. At the end of the day you are answerable to your own conscience."

Lipworth, who has chaired investigations into, among many others, cars, petrol, BP/KIO and GEC/Siemens/Plessey, further prides himself on making the work of the commission more accessible and public. "I have moved it slightly away from what appeared to be a legalistic form. There was a feeling that people did not know much about the commission, what it did or how it did it. It was a sort of closed door. We have tried to make it much more user friendly. We brought out a leaflet explaining its role, we made a video, recruited a press officer and we now publish an annual review. Mystique and ritual stand in the way of people coming in and openly telling us what we want to know."

Lipworth says he is more analytical than instinctive in making decisions — "The MMC is no place for snap decisions" — and will worry away at a problem until he has a solution, but he is not by nature a stressful person. He is consistent in his moods — "I can get very irritated, if people do something that is illogical" — and is known for his relaxed, personable and quiet manner.

Patricia Mann says: "He does not encourage people to be familiar with him and yet the one thing that always surprises people when they meet him for the first time is that he is so charming and approachable."

Lipworth, in short, has not been spoiled or corrupted by his success in life. He remains much the same man as he has always been. He admits that he enjoys having a large and comfortable home but if you had never been there, and did not know of his achievements in the life insurance industry, you could easily assume that he was still dependent upon his £65,000 MMC salary to meet his monthly mortgage payments.

"Money was hard to come by for me at first but once I got started I always made a good living and I do like the idea of having security," he says. "I am not, however, a person who is a great accumulator of possessions. Nor am I a great gourmet, or passionate about certain wines. I'm quite easy to please food wise." Politically, he is "a moderate conservative, although I am a-political in this job", and spiritually he believes in God but is not "an avid synagogue-goer."

Success has certainly not prompted him to lighten his work load. He is usually in the office before 9 am, will often stay up until 4 am, reading documents at home and will then rise again at 6 am. "I can cope without having had much sleep but every so often I need a long stint of seven or eight hours to catch up."

Lipworth has no plans to fade away quietly into retirement. He wants to be stretched again, in fresh fields. "I am looking for one more challenge. Something more than a non-executive directorship because I always like to get involved. I wouldn't even say no to some more public work."

US airlines demand help from Clinton

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

A TOUGHER stance on foreign investment in American airlines and a ground-breaking partnership between US government and the aviation industry is expected to be a priority once Bill Clinton formally takes over as US president in two weeks' time.

Increased pressure for reforms to help the industry climb out of its three-year tailspin came when Stephen Wolf, chairman and chief executive of UAL, the parent company of United Airlines, urged the president-elect to set up a government commission as a matter of urgency, to save the industry. It should report within three months, he said.

Earlier, United had announced drastic job, pay and route cuts to save $400 million amid mounting and substantial losses. It was the latest in a series of cutbacks and dire warnings from large American carriers.

Mr Wolf told Mr Clinton in a letter: "This industry, which is the most efficient and competitive in the world, is in serious trouble ... it is now at serious risk, which has dangerous implications for our economy and our international competitiveness."

Mr Clinton and his new transport secretary, Federico Pena, formerly the mayor of Denver, want to forge a closer relationship with the industry, which has lost $8 billion in the past three years. That partnership is likely to harden American attitudes over access to the country's markets by foreign carriers reluctant to offer reciprocation to US airlines.

Reciprocal market access became a significant obstacle in the way of British Airways' plan to make a $750 million investment in USAir. That deal was aborted just before Christmas but is now being recast.

In a recent interview, Mr Pena said: "There is a sense that many of the international carriers are working in partnership with their respective governments, and that kind of partnership does not exist here in the US, where our carriers are left to their own devices as they compete globally."

He added: "There's going to be much closer attention on the part of the federal government to the US airline industry, to assure its ultimate survival."

Mr Pena said that American carriers have to compete with other national carriers with heavily protected home markets.

Mr Clinton is expected to take a much firmer stand than the previous Republican administration and insist that American carriers have equal access to foreign markets before allowing overseas airlines to invest in US carriers.

Mr Wolf has called for dramatic changes in the US bankruptcy laws and a significant relaxation of foreign barriers. He says the structural disabilities of protection under bankruptcy and trade barriers ... "will not be solved simply by a resurgence in our economy".

The Clinton administration is believed to favour tax credits, bankruptcy law reforms and reduced regulation to ease pressure on American carriers.

Warning voice: Stephen Wolf, head of United Airlines

Eagle Star case could cost £15m

BY SARAH BAGNALL

AN ACTION by Banque Bruxelles Lambert against Eagle Star, the insurance company, and four other defendants, is proving to be one of the most complex civil cases to date.

Now entering its eighth week, it centres on the validity of commercial property mortgage indemnity policies written by Eagle Star. Ron Buxton, the company's former main underwriter of commercial mortgages, is its first witness and is still giving evidence. About ten expert witnesses are involved in the case.

The case, being heard by Mr Justice Nicholas Phillips, a commercial court judge, is proving longer than expected. Hearing evidence is likely to take until at least April, and there will be a gap before judgment is given.

Andrew Legg, a partner at Linklaters & Paines, who is acting for Banque Bruxelles Lambert, said the cost of the case might be as high as £15 million.

Eagle Star maintains that the mortgage indemnity contracts are void. As a result, the company has refused to pay out under policies issued to safeguard loans of more than £300 million for buying commercial property in six different deals. Sales of several properties have reduced the figure to an estimated £220 million. The bank alleges non-disclosure and misrepresentation by Eagle Star.

If the judge rules that the contracts are not void, the claims of £220 million must be met. The bank is also suing Maurice Markovits — a former financial consultant with Allied Dunbar, who acted as broker for the deals — and Allied Dunbar Assurance, and claims negligent over-valuation by two firms of valuers, Lewis & Tucker and John D Wood Commercial.

All the defendants deny the allegations.

Mr Legg said that if the contracts are ruled to be valid, Eagle Star can take action against the valuers in Banque Bruxelles Lambert's name.

Bonus Announcement

From January 1st 1993 the following rates of annual bonus will apply to Norwich Union Life Insurance Society Unitised With-Profits Pension and Ordinary Business:

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1992 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	99	...	6.02	6.32
100	97	Treas 8[illegible]% 1993	100	...	8.24	6.79
101	99	Treas 10% 1993	100	-	9.92	6.80
104	100	Treas 12[illegible]% 1993	103 †	-	12.13	6.53
107	103	Treas 13[illegible]% 1993	105	-	12.98	6.59
102	96	Treas 8[illegible]% 1994	101 xd	-	8.34	6.53
104	96	Treas 9% 1994	103	-	8.67	6.75
105	98	Treas 10% 1994	104	...	9.57	6.65
110	103	Exch 12[illegible]% 1994	108	-	11.51	6.77
110	103	Exch 13[illegible]% 1994	108	-	12.46	6.69
110	104	Treas 14[illegible]% 1994	108	-	13.37	6.66
95	88	Gas 3% 1990-95	94	+	3.18	5.47
109	99	Exch 10[illegible]% 1995	107 xd	...	9.52	6.50
111	102	Treas 12% 1995	109 †	-	10.95	6.90
116	106	Treas 12[illegible]% 1995	114	-	11.12	6.98
104	96	Treas 9% 1992-96	100 †	...	8.99	7.07
110	98	Conv 10% 1996	109	...	9.16	7.21
119	108	Exch 13[illegible]% 1996	117	-	11.32	7.36
119	109	Treas 14% 1996	117 xd	-	11.88	7.33
125	113	Treas 15[illegible]% 1996	122	-	12.40	7.32
112	100	Exch 10[illegible]% 1997	110	...	9.46	7.34
121	109	Treas 13[illegible]% 1997	119 xd	-	11.06	7.46
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
108	94	Treas 8[illegible]% 1997	105	...	8.28	7.26
131	117	Exch 15% 1997	129	-	11.60	7.58
99	86	Treas 6[illegible]% 1995-98	98	+	6.87	7.12
111	97	Exch 9[illegible]% 1998	109 xd	...	8.89	7.40
121	107	Exch 12% 1998	119	-	10.08	7.86
137	122	Treas 15[illegible]% 1998	134	-	11.49	7.80
111	97	Treas 9[illegible]% 1999	108 xd	-	8.72	7.61
115	100	Conv 10[illegible]% 1999	112	-	9.07	7.78
116	101	Treas 10[illegible]% 1999	113	-	9.23	7.73
123	109	Exch 12[illegible]% 1999	120	-	10.16	7.96
109	94	Conv 9% 2000	106	-	8.45	7.78
128	114	Treas 13% 2000	126 †	-	10.31	8.26
113	99	Treas 10% 2001	110	-	9.05	8.19
128	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	-	11.09	7.90
111	98	Treas 9[illegible]% 2002	109	-	8.94	8.35
113	100	Treas 10% 2003	110	-	9.04	8.45
69	59	Fund 3[illegible]% 1999-04	68 †	-	5.10	7.64
109	96	Conv 9[illegible]% 2004	106	-	8.88	8.54
120	107	Treas 11[illegible]% 2001-04	117	-	9.80	8.49
109	96	Conv 9[illegible]% 2005	107	-	8.87	8.55
128	116	Treas 12[illegible]% 2003-05	125	-	9.95	8.78
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
97	85	Treas 8% 2002-06	95	-	8.37	8.58
100	89	Treas 8[illegible]% 2007	98 xd	-	8.63	8.69
122	110	Treas 11[illegible]% 2003-07	119 xd	-	9.81	8.73
104	93	Treas 9% 2008	102	-	8.79	8.71
135	123	Treas 13[illegible]% 2004-08	133	+	10.15	8.80
95	85	Treas 8% 2009	93	-	8.58	8.76
103	93	Conv 9% 2011	101 xd	-	8.84	8.80
72	62	Treas 5[illegible]% 2008-12	71	-	7.74	8.56
92	81	Treas 7[illegible]% 2012-15	90 †	+	8.57	8.73
130	118	Exch 12% 2013-17	127	-	9.43	9.05
		UNDATED				
29	26	Consols 2[illegible]%	29	...	8.50	...
29	24	Treas 2[illegible]%	28	-	8.91	...
35	29	Treas 3%	34	-	8.82	...
63	59	Conv 3[illegible]%	61	...	5.67	...
45	39	Consols 4%	44 †	-	8.96	...
40	35	War Ln 3[illegible]%	39	-	8.90	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
132	122	Treas IL 2% 1994	132	+	0.07	2.15
197	176	Treas IL 2% 1996	195	-	2.07	2.75
162	139	Treas IL 2[illegible]% 2001	159	-	3.27	3.60
156	135	Treas IL 2[illegible]% 2003	155	-	3.39	3.66
162	137	Treas IL 2% 2006	160	-	3.51	3.73
147	124	Treas IL 2[illegible]% 2009	145 †	-	3.64	3.83
152	128	Treas IL 2[illegible]% 2011	150	-	3.67	3.84
126	106	Treas IL 2[illegible]% 2013	124	-	3.69	3.85
133	112	Treas IL 2[illegible]% 2016	131 xd	-	3.71	3.87
128	107	Treas IL 2[illegible]% 2020	126	-	3.76	3.89
106	88	Treas IL 2[illegible]% 2024	104 †	-	3.78	3.90

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WORLD MARKETS

Hang Seng dips on China worry

Hong Kong — Shares suffered mild declines on worries over the Sino-British dispute and Wall Street's tumble overnight. The Hang Seng index dipped 17.76 points to 5,529.56.

Turnover fell to HK$1.49 billion from Thursday's HK$1.69 billion.

K K Kwong, an associate director at Morgan Grenfell, said: "Time for compromise (between China and Britain) is running out before Governor Patten's reform package is tabled for legislation, so market caution is deepening."

☐ **Wall Street** — The Dow Jones industrial average lost 6.21 to 3,262.48 in early trading. Losers led gainers seven to four, reflecting weaker overseas markets and American economic data confirming modest growth.

Peter Cardillo, of Westfalia Investments, said: "We're seeing some overhang from yesterday's market action. The market is resting before we begin to reap the benefits of a better economy."

☐ **Tokyo** — The Nikkei average fell 146.29 points to 16,634.69, with an estimated 210 million shares traded in a listless session. Most investors were sidelined before the weekend. "There was some sell programs at the start of play and that was about it for the rest of the day," said one broker. "But every time the Nikkei falls a bit, buying comes in to support the downside."

The market dived at the open on settlement-linked selling and the Nikkei dropped 106.35 points in five minutes. Technical buying then lifted it 24.68 points by late morning, but it zig-zagged down from there to close just off its day's low.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed 10.98 lower at 1,531.52, hit by a sharp downturn at Siemens, the electronics group. Disappointment over the Bundesbank's failure to cut leading interest rates lowered shares from the start.

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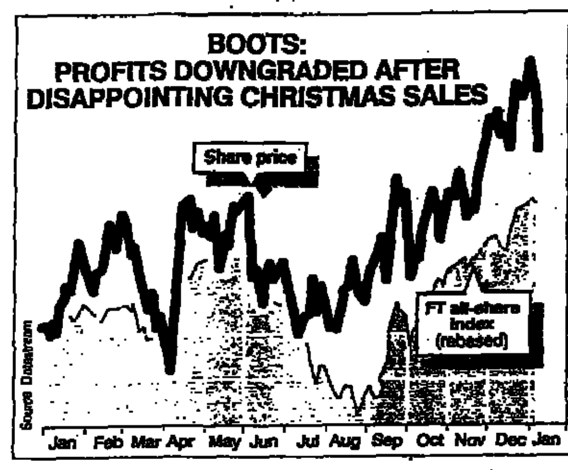
STOCK MARKET

Investors poised for wave of rights issues

INVESTORS are expected to be asked to start dipping deep into their pockets next week as the first of a wave of rights issues starts hitting the Square Mile.

Whispers circulating in the marketplace claim that at least one of the top 350 quoted companies is about to ask shareholders for extra funds. Institutional investors are already bracing themselves for a rights issue of at least £200 million.



The equity market has been scaling new heights recently, climbing almost 600 points above its August low, but few companies have been willing to test sentiment.

An overnight fall on Wall Street and another hesitant start by the Dow Jones average in resumed trading left share prices closing near their low for the day. The FT-SE 100 index ended the first leg of the trading account 17.3 down at 2,799.2, with 773 million shares changing hands as investors continued to target second-line issues.

Government securities spent a lacklustre session, recording losses of £$^3/_8$ at the longer end amid growing controversy about tax changes in the Budget.

Evode, the Evo-Stik adhesives group, rose 13p to 119p after news of the agreed terms from **Laporte**, down 27p at 583p. Laporte is offering 120p a share, valuing the entire company at £135.5 million. **Wassall**, 1p firmer at 210p, has now withdrawn its offer.

Laporte was again bidding for stock in the marketplace yesterday to add to the 6 per cent it already holds in Evode. By the close of business a total of 2.5 million shares had been traded. **Boots**, the high street chemist, tumbled 26p to 509p with sales during the Christmas period falling short of City expectations. The big worry for analysts was the disappointing performance of Do It All, the DIY retail chain.

As a result, they have now begun cutting the profit forecasts. Kleinwort Benson has reduced its estimate from £411 million to £400 million, while Warburg has trimmed its number by £5 million to £400 million. James Capel also reduced its final figure by £5 million.

WH Smith A, which jointly owns Do It All, fell 19p to 469p before figures next week, and growing concern about the intense competitiveness of the DIY industry also left **Kingfisher** 18p off at 577p.

The recent resurgence in *shares of* **Lasmo**, *the oil exploration group, came to a grinding* halt, with the price dropping 9p to 156p after briefly touching 152p. Hoare Govett, the broker, is asking if it is financially prudent for Lasmo to pay the final dividend.

Rank Organisation jumped 12p to 716p on reports that it is about to sell its Rank Films division to a consortium headed by Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel 4, for £400 million. But Michael Gifford, chief executive, said Rank had not received an approach from the consortium and would not enter into discussions if it was approached.

HSBC stood out among the banks with a rise of 20p to 516p.

MICHAEL CLARK

Pifco Holdings surged 25p to 380p on a buy recommendation from Hoare Govett, the broker, that says the group's earnings are likely to recover from 13.9p to 21.2p this year with Russell Hobbs Tower, last year's acquisition, back in the black.

RECENT ISSUES

Critchley Group (220)	260	+2
Foreign & Col PEP Inv Tst	104	...
Hoare Gvt Smlr Co Index	103½	+1½
Hunters Armley (90)	111	...
Intl Food Machinery (51)	66	...
Jos Holdings Capital	39	-1
Jos Holdings Income	94	...
Jos Zero Div Pf	110½	...
National Express (165)	194	+1
OIS Intl Inspection (50)	56	+4
Prime People Warrants	1½	...
Second Consolidated Tst	88	-5
Tadpole Technology (65)	180	+2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hilclare n/p (35)	3	...
Lonrho n/p (85)	¼	...
Melville n/p (5)	¾	...
Property Trust p/p (25)	16	...
Regal Hotel n/p (2)	1¼	...

WALL STREET

	Jan 8 midday	Jan 7 close
AMP Inc	58	58
AMR Corp	69	68
Abbott Labs	29	29
Aetna Life	40	40
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	47	47
Albertson's	49	49
Alcan Aluminm	17	17
Alco Standard	37	36
Allied Signal	57	58
Alum Co of Am	70	70
Amax	18	18
Amerada Hess	44	45
Amer Brands	37	37
Amer Cyanamid	55	56
Amer El Power	32	32
Amer Express	25	25
Amer Genl Corp	56	56
Amer Home Pr	66	65
Amer Intl	114	113
Amer Stores	42	42
Amer T & T	51	51
Ameritech	71	71
Amoco	49	49
Anheuser-Busch	58	57
Apple Computer	60	61
Archer Daniels	27	27
Arkla	7	8
Armco	6	6
Armstrong Wrld	31	31
Asarco	26	26
Ashland Oil	26	26
Atl Richfield	110	111
Auto Data Pro	51	52
Avery Dennison	27	27
Avon Products	52	51
Baker Hughes	18	18
Baltim Gas & El	22	22
Banc One	50	51
BankAmerica	43	44
Bank of NY	52	52
Bankers Tr NY	67	67
Barnett Banks	40	41
Bausch & Lomb	53	53
Baxter Intl	31	30
Becton Dickson	78	77
Bell Atlantic	50	51
BellSouth	52	52
Black & Decker	18	18
Block (H&R)	39	39
Boeing	39	40
Boise Cascade	20	21
Borden Inc	28	29
Bristol Myrs Sq	63	62
Browning Ferris	26	26
Burlington Nthn	44	44
CBS	189	188
CNA Financial	94	95
CPC Intl	47	46
CSX	73	73
Campbell Soup	40	40
Can Pacific	12	12
Cpd Cities ABC	488	494
Cpd Holdings	73	72
Carolina Pwr	54	54
Caterpillar	56	56
Central & SW	28	29
Champion Intl	28	28
Chase Manhat	27	28
Chemical Bk	33	37
Chevron Corp	68	68
Chrysler	36	35
Chubb Corp	86	86
Cigna Corp	58	58
Citicorp	20	21
Clorox	45	45
Coastal Corp	24	27
Coca Cola	40	40
Colgate-Palmolive	54	54
Columbia Gas	18	18
Commonw Ed	23	24
Compaq Comp	47	48
Comp Ass Int	20	21
Conagra	31	31
Cons Edison	31	32
Cons Nat Gas	44	44
Cons Rail	49	49
Cooper Inds	49	49
Corning Inc	38	38
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	48	48
Dayton Hudson	75	75
Deere	45	45
Delta Air Lines	52	51
Deluxe Corp	45	46
Detroit Edison	32	32
Digital Equip	35	35
Dillard Dept St	48	48
Disney (Walt)	43	43
Dominion Res	38	38
Donnelley (RR)	32	32
Dover Corp	40	40
Dow Chemicals	56	55
Dow Jones	28	28
Dresser	17	17
Duke Power	36	36
Dun & Bradstreet	58	58
Du Pont	48	47
Eastman Kodak	42	42
Eaton Corp	81	80
Emerson Elec	55	54
Engelhard Corp	34	34
Enron Corp	46	41
Entergy Corp	32	32
Ethyl Corp	29	29
Exxon	60	61
FMC Corp	50	50
FPL Group	36	36
Federal Express	56	57
Fed Nat Mtge	76	76
First Chicago	30	30
First Interstate	45	46
First Union Rlty	9	9
Fleet Finl Grp	32	31
Fluor Corp	40	40
Ford Motor	45	44
GTE Corp	34	34
Gannett	52	52
Gap Inc Del	32	32
Gen Cinema	30	30
Gen Dynamics	104	104
Gen Electric	85	85
Gen Mills	67	67
Gen Motors	33	33
Gen Reinsurance	115	116
Gen Signal	62	62
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	60	61
Gillette	54	54
Glaxo ADR	[illegible]	[illegible]
Goodrich (BF)	49	49
Goodyear Tire	68	68
Grace (WR)	39	39
Gt Atl Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	26	27
Heinz (HJ)	42	42
Hercules	64	64
Hershey Foods	47	47
Hewlett Packard	70	70
Hilton Hotels	45	44
Home Depot	61	61
Homestake	10	10
Honeywell	34	33
Household Intl	55	56
Houston Inds	45	45
Humana	19	20
ITT Corp	70	71
Illinois Tool	67	67
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	31	31
Inland Steel	22	23
Intel Corp	100	99
IBM	46	47
Intl Flav & Fr	105	106
Intl Paper	64	64
James River Va	18	18
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	45	45
K Mart	23	23
Kellogg	63	64
Kerr-McGee	43	43
Kimberly-Clark	60	61
Knight-Ridder	59	59
Lilly (Eli)	59	58
Limited Inc	28	28
LIN Brdcstng	76	75
Lincoln Nat	71	71
Litton	45	45
Liz Claiborne	42	42
Lockheed Corp	55	54
Louisiana Pac	64	63
MCI Commun	40	40
Marriott	21	21
Marsh & McLen	89	89
Martin Marietta	67	68
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	69	70
Maytag Corp	14	14
McCaw Cellular	34	34
McDonalds	48	48
McDonnell D	52	52
McGraw Hill	59	60
Mead Corp	38	38
Medtronic	86	87
Mellon Bk	51	51
Melville Corp	53	54
Merck Inc	41	41
Merrill Lynch	58	59
Minnesota Mine	99	99
Mobil Corp	62	63
Monsanto	53	53
Morgan (JP)	63	64
Motorola Inc	108	107
Natl Medical	9	11
Natl Semi	11	11
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	2	2
NBD Bancorp	33	33
NY Times A	27	27
Newmont Mng	40	39
Niag Mohawk	19	19
Nike B	80	81
NL Industries	6	5
Nordstrom	38	37
Norfolk Sthrn	62	63
Nthn State Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	41	42
Nynex Corp	84	85
Occidental Pet	17	17
Ohio Edison	22	22
Oracle Systems	35	35
Oryx Energy Co	19	19
PNC Financial	57	57
PPG Industries	65	65
Paccar Inc	58	58
PacifiCorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	19	19
Pac Gas & Elect	32	31
Pac Telesis	44	44
Pall Corp	19	18
Panhandle East	17	17
Paramnt Comm	42	41
Parker Hannifin	32	32
Penney (JC)	74	74
Pennzoil	49	50
Pepsico	39	38
Pfizer	67	67
Phelps Dodge	48	49
Philadel Elec	25	25
Philip Morris	73	72
Phillips Pet	26	24
Pitney Bowes	39	39
Polaroid	29	29
Price Co	37	37
Primerica	49	51
Procter & Gmbl	53	51
Pub Serv E & G	31	30
Quaker Oats	63	64
Ralston Purina	47	47
Raychem Corp	39	39
Raytheon	41	41
Reebok Intl	31	31
Reynolds Metals	54	54
Roadway Svcs	67	64
Rockwell Intl	28	28
Rohm & Haas	54	54
Royal Dutch	85	85
Rubbermaid	32	32
Safeco Corp	57	57
St Paul's Cos	70	70
Salomon Inc	37	37
Santa Fe S Pac	13	12
Sara Lee Corp	28	28
Scecorp	43	43
Schering Plough	60	59
Schlumberger	55	55
Scott Paper	35	35
Seagram	29	29
Sears Roebuck	44	44
Shell Trans	51	50
Sherwin Wlms	39	39
Skyline Corp	21	21
Snap-On Tools	37	37
Southern Co	37	37
Sthwstern Bell	73	73
Sprint Corp	24	24
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	27	27
Suntrust	43	43
Supervalu	32	32
Syntex Corp	22	22
Sysco Corp	25	26
TRW Inc	57	57
Tandem Comp	15	15
Tandy Corp	30	30
Telecom Corp	1	1
Teledyne	20	20
Temple Inland	49	49
Tenneco	40	40
Texaco	59	59
Texas Inst	54	54
Texas Utilities	42	42
Textron	44	44
Time Warner	30	29
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	27	26
Torchmark	56	56
Toys R Us	37	38
Transamerica	47	47
Travelers Corp	20	20
Tribune	48	49
Tyco Labs	42	43
UAL Corp	129	128
UST Inc	30	30
USX Marathon	16	17
Unilever NV	101	102
Union Camp	44	45
Union Carbide	16	16
Union Pacific	59	59
Unisys Corp	10	10
USAIR Group	14	14
USF&G Corp	11	11
US Life	36	36
US West	38	38
United Tech	48	48
Unocal Corp	24	24
Upjohn	30	30
VF Corp	54	54
Wal-Mart Stores	59	60
Warner-Lambert	65	66
Waste Mgmnt Inc	39	39
Wells Fargo	76	75
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	38	38
Whirlpool	43	43
Whitman	14	14
Winn Dixie	75	75
Woolworth	29	30
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	32	32
Xerox	84	84

RISES:

Cater Allen	428p (+23p)
HSBC	516p (+20p)
Transfer Tech	392p (+20p)
Euro Disney	765p (+52p)
More O'Ferrall	223p (+28p)

FALLS:

Thomson Corp	715p (-20p)
Herring Baker	103p (-27p)
Reed Int	625p (-13p)
EMAP	340p (-14p)
Bass	610p (-11p)
Smiths Ind	380p (-13p)
Takeda Chem	648p (-64p)

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS. 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	355.70	376.50	+0.80	...
Series Equity	461.80	488.70	+6.90	...
Series Prop Fd	387.60	410.20	-0.20	...
Series Fixed Int	288.70	305.60	-3.60	...
Series Money Fd	235.30	249.10	-0.30	...
Series Oseas Fd	238.90	252.90	-5.30	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD. 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	16.86	17.75	+0.02	...
Bear	17.35	18.27	-0.00	...
Owl	17.02	17.92	-0.05	...
Bull	15.10	15.90	-0.14	...
Stag	15.41	16.23	+0.12	...
Gilt Edged	16.96	16.96	-0.01	...
Deposit	14.90	14.90	+0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	22.34	23.42	+0.05	...
Bear	22.76	23.96	-0.05	...
Owl	22.26	23.44	-0.07	...
Bull	18.62	19.60	-0.32	...
Stag	18.35	19.32	-0.16	...
Gilt Edged	20.58	20.58	+0.01	...
Deposit	18.71	18.71	+0.03	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	470.18	470.19	+3.17	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	282.21	297.07	+3.64	...
N Amer Equity	267.79	281.89	-5.12	...
Far East Equity	299.88	315.67	-3.91	...
Fixed	264.81	278.75	-0.02	...
Cash Deposit	191.24	201.31	+0.25	...
Property	85.65	90.16	+0.63	...
Special Opp	279.82	294.55	+32.04	...
Managed	249.18	262.30	+0.97	...
Index-Linked Fd	176.01	185.28	+0.32	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL. 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	250.70	263.90		...
-do- Acc	441.40	464.70		...
Equity Fd Inc	149.60	157.50	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	189.10	199.10	+0.40	...
Selective Fd	433.50	442.70	+1.01	...
Money Fd	348.60	367.20	+0.20	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	344.80	363.00		...
Equity Ser 4	187.50	197.40	+0.30	...
Man Ser 4	548.00	576.90	-1.80	...
Conv Ser 4	306.40	322.60	+0.10	...
Money Ser 4	306.10	322.30	+0.10	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	309.80	326.30	-0.70	...
American Ser 4	456.50	480.60	-1.50	...
High Inc Ser 4	558.50	587.90	+9.90	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	188.60	198.60	+0.50	...
Japan Ser 4	265.00	279.00	-4.90	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ. 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1341.5	1412.0	-5.40	...
European Fd Acc	281.40	296.20	-3.60	...
Fixed Int Acc	469.20	493.80	-1.60	...
Gtd Money Acc	313.70	330.20	+0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	474.40	499.30	-3.00	...
Inv Fxd Int Acc	300.40	316.20	+0.80	...
Japan Fund	215.40	226.70	-5.30	...
N American Acc	290.30	305.50	-1.90	...
Prop Fd Acc	367.50	386.80	+0.50	...
Multiple Inv Acc	882.10	928.50	-2.60	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL. 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	349.20	367.60	+0.40	...
Equity Acc	1160.2	1221.3	-8.20	...
Property Acc	462.70	487.10	-0.10	...
Far East Acc	215.60	227.00	-4.40	...
Managed Capital	455.30	479.30	-4.00	...
-do- Acc	896.60	943.80	-5.70	...
Overseas Acc	802.30	844.60	+2.90	...
Gilt Edged Acc	421.30	443.50	-2.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	673.40	708.90	-19.80	...
Amer Mart Acc	290.30	305.60	-0.30	...
Amer Prop Acc	112.70	118.70	-0.60	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	133.60	140.60	-0.20	...
Balced Ser 5	591.40	622.50	-7.60	...
Opportunity Ser 5	125.70	132.30	-0.80	...
UK Equities Ser 5	815.50	858.40	-8.40	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	831.10	874.80	-5.80	...
North Amer Ser 5	426.60	449.00	-8.20	...
Far East Ser 5	391.30	411.80	-9.10	...
Europe Ser 5	269.70	283.80	-10.30	...
Intnl Ser 5	465.00	489.40	-9.00	...
Property Ser 5	474.60	499.50	...	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	372.80	392.40	-2.30	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	165.10	173.70	+0.40	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	277.00	291.50	+0.50	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB. 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	703.70	740.80	+4.80	...
-do- Initial	497.20	523.40	+3.40	...
Gilt Edged Acc	344.20	362.40	-1.10	...
-do- Initial	245.30	258.30	-0.80	...
International Acc	314.90	331.50	-3.90	...
-do- Initial	222.90	234.70	-2.80	...
Managed Acc	435.70	458.70	+0.10	...
-do- Initial	309.10	325.40	...	...
Money Acc	273.20	287.60	+0.30	...
Property Acc	251.10	264.40	+0.10	...
-do- Initial	178.00	188.30	-0.10	...
American Acc	247.30	260.40	-1.90	...
Australia Acc	152.90	161.00	-9.70	...
Financial Acc	237.30	249.80	+4.00	...
500 Accum	352.90	371.50	-12.10	...
Japan Genl Acc	259.60	273.30	-4.10	...
Income Acc	424.90	446.90	+8.70	...
Leisure Acc	191.80	201.90	+2.30	...
Special Sits Acc	180.50	190.00	+5.20	...
Unit Tech Acc	116.40	122.60	+2.30	...

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BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	673.43	673.43	-1.46	...
Income Fund	643.69	677.57	+13.64	...
Extra Income	590.51	621.59	+10.53	...
Worldwide Gth	401.45	422.58	-5.48	...
Balanced Fund	574.65	604.90	-2.96	...
Smllr Cos Recov	551.82	580.87	+25.00	...
N Amer & Genrl	344.15	362.27	-5.57	...
Pacific Basin	306.50	322.64	-1.44	...
German Growth	169.39	178.31	-4.17	...
Japan Growth	120.29	126.63	-4.67	...
The UK Gth Fd	182.86	192.49	+2.13	...
Contl Euro Gth	95.13	100.14	-2.34	...
Property Fund	338.95	356.79	-3.67	...
Fixed Interest	277.24	291.84	+0.52	...
Cash Fund	266.26	280.28	+0.32	...
Managed Inv	414.28	436.09	-1.04	...
Nth Amer Recov	224.09	235.89	+0.32	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Grth	353.57	372.18	-3.28	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire. 0475 568000				
Measured Perf	129.60	137.10	-0.20	...
Performance Plus	124.10	131.30	-0.40	...
With Profit Perf	154.90	163.90	+0.40	...
UK Opportunity	152.20	161.10	+0.70	...
Euro Opportunity	156.30	165.40	-0.90	...
North Amer Opp	123.50	130.70	-0.70	...
Far East Opp	131.00	138.60	-2.00	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	150.70	158.70	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	148.10	156.70	+0.10	...
Fixed Int	158.40	167.60	+0.70	...
Cash	147.00	155.60	+0.20	...
Overseas	140.80	149.00	-1.00	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA. 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	£234.60	...	...	...
Managed	265.50	279.50	+0.20	...
Property	190.20	200.30	-2.60	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	208.80	219.90	-1.90	...
Index-Linked	172.10	181.20	...	...
Equity	294.30	309.80	-4.10	...
Cash	205.70	216.60	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	278.50	293.20	-4.80	...
CLife Intl Fd	280.50	295.30	-3.90	...
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	109.40	115.80	+2.60	...
Equity Units	£115.70	...	+1.00	...
Property Units	£25.08	...	+0.08	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£55.47	£58.70	...	...
2nd Equity Acc	562.00	594.70	+4.80	...
Acc/Acc	520.80	555.10	+14.30	...
2nd Property Acc	230.80	244.20	+0.60	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	160.00	169.30	-0.70	...
2nd Mangd Acc	391.00	413.80	...	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	188.00	198.90	-0.90	...
2nd Deposit Acc	264.20	279.60	+0.70	...
2nd Gilt Acc	264.40	279.80	+0.10	...
2nd Amer Acc	590.50	624.90	-8.90	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	240.30	254.30	-2.80	...
2nd Index Acc	174.10	184.20	+0.30	...
2nd Far East Acc	320.80	339.50	-6.00	...
2nd Global Acc	149.40	158.10	-2.00	...
2nd Euro Acc	117.30	124.10	-2.60	...
2nd Japan Acc	155.40	164.40	-3.40	...
2nd Heritage Acc	68.50	72.50	-0.20	...
2nd Intl Curr Bd	141.90	150.20	-2.00	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	184.70	194.40		...
Managed Fund	523.90	551.10	-2.30	...
Equity Fund	295.00	311.50	-1.90	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	231.10	243.30	+0.30	...
Ruby	121.50	127.90	-0.70	...
Emerald	128.10	134.90	-0.30	...
Equity	276.00	290.60	+2.60	...
Property	176.90	186.30	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	181.60	191.20	-1.30	...
Indexed Secs	149.40	157.30	-0.90	...
Cash	175.40	184.70	+0.20	...
Nth American	192.80	203.00	-1.30	...
Far East	205.30	216.20	-1.60	...
International	170.50	179.50	-2.50	...
Special Sits	239.20	251.80	+10.10	...
Intl Income	237.20	249.70	+0.80	...
American Inc	160.10	168.60	-1.60	...
European	220.40	232.00	-5.10	...
Japanese	101.10	106.50	-2.30	...
SE Asia	233.00	245.30	-2.50	...
With Profits Reg	142.80	150.30	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	142.80	150.30	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	250.10	263.30	-1.80	...
Equity	310.60	327.00	-2.60	...
Property	171.80	180.90	-0.20	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	216.60	228.10	-3.60	...
Index Linked	157.10	165.40	-0.10	...
Cash	227.30	239.30	+0.40	...
Nth American	231.50	243.70	-2.80	...
Far East Acc	211.10	222.30	-3.10	...
International Acc	213.30	224.60	-3.50	...
Special Sits	349.60	368.00	+10.00	...
European Flex	284.40	299.40	-5.60	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD. 071 248 9861				
(Units) Key	£186.11	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£251.70	...	...	...
-do- Cash	193.00	203.16	+0.12	...
-do- Equity	433.55	456.37	+7.43	...
-do- Fxd Int	319.97	336.81	-0.57	...
-do- Managed	317.93	334.66	+4.92	...
-do- Property	195.46	205.75	+2.35	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	203.86	214.62	+0.12	...
-do- Cash Inv	279.17	293.87	+0.39	...
-do- Equity Cap	1207.3	1270.9	-5.16	...
-do- Equity Inv	1653.2	1740.2	+8.40	...

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-do- Fixed Cap	351.90	370.43	-2.77	...
-do- Fixed Inv	481.86	507.23	-3.39	...
-do- Index Cap	190.21	200.23	+0.63	...
-do- Index Inv	260.45	274.17	+1.08	...
Mngd Cap	487.90	513.59	-0.99	...
Mngd Inv	668.08	703.25	-0.81	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (9)	3569.29	...	...	...
Var Ann (5)	381.99	...	...	...
Prime Managed	322.10	339.10	-3.00	...
Prime UK Equity	391.30	411.90	-1.60	...
Prime Int Equity	226.80	238.80	-6.00	...
Prime Property	184.50	194.30	+0.20	...
Prime Fxd Int	216.00	227.40	-1.10	...
Prime Index-Lnk	152.90	161.00	+0.30	...
Prime Cash	192.60	202.80	+0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN. 0438 744840				
Managed Fund	910.40	958.30	...	...
Equity Fund	1354.6	1425.8	+72.10	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW. 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	497.80	523.90	+3.70	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	323.50	340.50	-2.90	...
Life Equity Acc	686.60	722.70	+10.50	...
Life Money Acc	283.00	297.80	+0.40	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	598.10	629.50	+1.60	...
Life Intl Acc	402.30	423.40	-4.30	...
Life High Inc Acc	638.40	672.00	+23.00	...
Life Property Acc	227.40	239.30	+0.30	...
Crown Brit Inv A	997.50	1095.1	...	...
Brewin Equity	591.10	622.20	-3.90	...
DBS Managed	222.70	234.40	+1.90	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	164.30	173.00	+0.20	...
Blue Chip Fund	206.70	217.60	-0.80	...
-do- Series 2	131.90	138.90	-0.50	...
Adventurous Fd	162.80	171.40	-2.70	...
-do- Series 2	121.60	128.00	-2.00	...
Performance Fd	203.70	214.50	-3.50	...
-do- Series 2	131.90	137.90	-2.20	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	133.10	140.20	+0.30	...
UK Equity Fund	133.70	140.80	+0.80	...
Property Fund	104.10	109.60	...	...
Envrnmntl Opps	135.50	142.70	+0.70	...
Euro Fund	127.00	133.70	-2.00	...
North Amer Fd	171.00	180.10	-1.90	...
Oriental Ops	130.60	137.50	-1.10	...
Japanese Fund	88.70	93.40	-2.00	...
Bd & West Life	111.20	117.10	+0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	121.90	128.40	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	237.00	245.60	-1.20	3.60
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH. 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixed)	255.00	268.50	-1.30	...
UK Equity	347.20	365.50	-1.20	...
Stewardship	288.00	303.20	-9.50	...
Overseas Equity	213.80	225.10	-2.70	...
North American	127.00	133.70	-1.00	...
Pacific Basin	106.00	111.60	-1.00	...
European	150.00	157.90	-2.10	...
Property	187.60	197.50	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	197.60	208.10	-0.80	...
Index Linked	147.50	155.30	+0.50	...
Cash	186.60	196.50	+0.30	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 5th Floor, 8 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575				
GT Plan Far East	238.60	251.20	-2.10	...
GT Plan Wwide	360.90	379.90	-4.80	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	169.60	178.40	-2.00	...
Unitised Profit	117.80	123.90	-0.30	...
UK Equity	236.70	249.10	-0.90	...
Fixed Int	172.80	181.80	-1.80	...
Index-Linked	148.30	156.00	+0.40	...
Cash Deposit	164.70	173.20	+0.10	...
Property	161.10	169.50	+0.10	...
International	153.80	161.80	-0.60	...
American	135.30	142.40	-0.80	...
Japan	185.90	195.60	-4.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	179.10	188.40	-4.60	...
European	144.00	151.40	-2.40	...
Pacific Fund	189.60	199.50	+0.20	...
Conv Life	128.50	135.10	+1.10	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	599.90	599.90	+0.30	...
-do- Inv A	599.80	631.50	+0.30	...
UK Equity	356.00	374.90	+2.50	...
Gilt Plus	188.30	198.30	-1.20	...
Managed	260.70	274.60	+0.30	...
Inter Man	231.80	244.10	+0.80	...
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6 Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth. 0202 752008				
Managed Bond	607.80	640.50	-3.10	...
Money Fund	297.50	313.10	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	551.20	580.80	-3.80	...
Fixed Interest	250.10	263.50	...	...
Property Fund	324.70	342.10	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	489.20	515.30	+1.30	...
Income	613.00	645.90	+12.30	...
International Gth	503.60	530.70	-5.70	...
Capital Fund	525.30	553.70	+16.60	...
Recovery Fund	502.00	529.00	+6.20	...
Japan & General	201.50	212.30	-2.30	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	633.70	660.10	...	...
Managed Initial	397.80	418.70	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	543.40	572.00	-1.50	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Initial	590.40	621.40	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	806.60	849.00	+1.30	...
Fixed Int Initial	383.80	404.00	-5.80	...
-do- Acc	524.30	551.90	-7.70	...
Intl Initial	368.10	387.40	-7.10	...
-do- Acc	502.90	529.30	-9.30	...
Nth Amer Initial	163.20	171.80	-3.70	...
-do- Acc	202.90	213.60	-4.50	...
Pacific Initial	179.80	189.20	-4.90	...
-do- Acc	221.40	233.00	-5.90	...
Property Initial	150.50	158.40	...	...
-do- Acc	205.40	216.30	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	148.10	155.90	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	184.10	193.80	+0.60	...
Deposit Initial	191.90	202.00	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	262.20	276.00	+0.30	...
Euro Initial	75.00	78.90	-2.10	...
-do- Acc	86.20	90.70	-2.30	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 280939				
Managed	139.10	146.40	-0.40	...
-do- Pens	162.90	171.40	-0.40	...
UK Equity	135.00	142.10	+1.40	...
-do- Pens	145.60	153.20	-1.90	...
International	117.80	123.90	-1.60	...
-do- Pens	124.60	131.10	-2.10	...
Deposit	132.10	139.00	+0.10	...
-do- Pens	152.60	160.60	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA. 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	338.80	360.50	+3.00	...
North America	318.80	339.20	-5.70	...
Far East Fund	410.80	437.10	-5.50	...
Global Managed	378.20	402.40	-2.90	...
Deposit Fund	218.00	226.40	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	126.20	132.90	-0.60	...
European Fund	197.40	210.10	-2.70	...
Fixed Interest	66.50	70.80	+0.10	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	431.10	456.20	+3.00	...
British Fund	446.30	472.30	-1.40	...
International	418.70	443.10	-5.70	...
Dollar Fund	319.80	338.50	-4.90	...
Capital Fund	385.50	408.00	...	...
Income Fund	576.80	610.40	+6.20	...
Property Series A	376.30	398.30	...	...
Property Units	608.50	639.00	...	...
Financial Fund	421.50	446.10	+6.40	...
Managed Ser A	455.30	481.80	-5.00	...
-do- C	265.80	281.30	-2.30	...
Managed Units	812.00	854.80	-8.50	...
High Yield Fund	531.80	562.80	+15.90	...
Money Series A	270.00	285.80	+0.20	...
Money Units	355.00	373.70	-0.40	...
Equity Fund	517.30	547.50	-1.00	...
Fixed Interest	328.00	347.10	-1.30	...
Indexed Secs	162.90	172.00	-0.40	...
European Fund	562.80	595.60	-6.60	...
Natural Res	209.70	222.00	-4.50	...
Far East Fund	433.40	458.70	-6.20	...
Smaller Cos	365.30	386.60	+18.00	...
Special Sits	365.10	386.40	+9.10	...
Man Currency	246.10	260.50	-0.50	...
Japanese Tech	192.10	203.30	-3.70	...
US Smaller Cos	212.00	224.40	-3.30	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	463.10	487.50	-3.70	...
Global Property	261.10	274.80	-11.30	...
Global Fixed Int	450.50	474.20	-4.50	...
Global Equity	499.70	526.00	-4.40	...
Global Cash	199.90	210.50	+0.30	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ. 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	445.20	468.60	+0.20	...
Property	473.50	498.40	+2.80	...
Managed	352.90	371.50	-2.00	...
American	345.70	363.90	-0.60	...
UK Equity Fd	392.80	413.50	-0.80	...
Japan	149.10	156.90	-2.70	...
Index-Lkd	165.90	174.60	+2.40	...
High Yield	704.90	742.00	+5.10	...
Growth Cap	386.10	406.40	-0.50	...
Money	376.30	396.10	+0.20	...
International	298.60	314.30	-2.90	...
Henderson Active	173.60	182.70	-2.60	...
Perpetual Active	247.70	260.70	-2.40	...
Growth Cap	386.10	406.40	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	545.20	573.90	-1.40	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE. 0273 724000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.70	141.80	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	174.80	184.10	+0.30	...
Brit Opps Int	121.50	127.90	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	142.30	149.80	+2.00	...
Cash Initial	165.90	174.70	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	269.60	283.80	+0.10	...
Equity Initial	570.20	600.30	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	926.60	975.40	-0.40	...
Fixed Initial	325.60	342.80	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	529.10	557.00	-1.30	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	126.10	132.80	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	174.90	184.20	...	...
Intl Initial	277.40	292.00	-4.90	...
-do- Acc	443.70	467.10	-6.70	...
Managed Initial	411.30	433.00	-2.70	...
-do- Acc	668.30	703.50	-2.90	...
Property Initial	181.70	191.30	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	295.20	310.80	+0.20	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	298.40	314.20	-1.40	...
UK Equity	509.40	536.30	-0.40	...
Property	272.30	286.70	+0.10	...
Money Market	237.30	249.80	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	282.50	297.40	-2.40	...
Japan	289.70	305.00	...	...
North America	150.50	158.50	-4.40	...
International	239.70	252.40	-2.40	...

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European	214.00	225.30	-2.90	...
Far East	94.30	99.30	+1.50	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA. 0272 279179				
Equity	£776.60	...	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	£359.10	...	-0.10	...
Property	£361.40	...	-8.10	...
Deposit	£273.10	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£500.20	...	-3.70	...
Indexed Stock	£190.20	...	+0.90	...
International	£225.80	...	-5.50	...
Equity A	£180.70	...	-0.10	...
Fixed Int A	£159.80	...	...	...
Property A	£159.30	...	-3.60	...
Deposit A	£161.00	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£164.90	...	-1.20	...
Index Stock A	£149.40	...	+0.80	...
International A	£141.50	...	-3.40	...
Equity P	£621.70	...	-1.10	...
Fixed Int P	£459.70	...	+0.20	...
Property P	£286.00	...	-4.60	...
Deposit P	£313.90	...	+0.50	...
Mixed P	£444.90	...	-3.90	...
Index Stock P	£217.60	...	+1.30	...
International P	£249.20	...	-7.30	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£481.90	...	+4.60	...
-do- Acc	£740.50	...	+7.20	...
Property Cap	£157.20	...	-5.40	...
-do- Acc	£234.80	...	-7.90	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£188.90	...	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	£282.10	...	-1.90	...
Equity Cap	£293.90	...	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	£443.30	...	+0.60	...
Internatl Cap	£303.90	...	-2.60	...
-do- Acc	£304.70	...	-3.60	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£171.50	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£253.90	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£318.10	...	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	£479.00	...	-1.90	...
Moneymaker Fd	£381.40	...	-1.40	...
Capital Growth	£1390.4	...	...	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB. 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	370.40	389.00	-9.20	...
Amer Rec Bond	386.30	405.70	-3.50	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	204.80	215.20	+2.20	...
Australasia Bd	139.00	146.10	-11.60	...
Commodity Bond	189.80	199.40	+0.90	...
Deposit Bond Acc	340.00	357.10	+0.40	...
Equity Bond Acc	1125.4	1181.8	+31.10	...
European Bd Acc	268.00	281.60	-7.50	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	559.80	587.90	+16.30	...
Far East Bd Acc	211.50	222.20	-3.10	...
Gilt Bond Acc	384.80	404.10	-1.60	...
Gold Bond Acc	73.30	77.00	-2.10	...
High Yield Bond	286.00	300.40	+9.50	5.45
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	190.00	199.60	+0.30	...
International Bd	565.90	594.30	-3.80	...
Japan Bond Acc	207.00	217.50	-6.70	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	172.80	181.60	-3.20	...
Managed Bonds	692.50	727.30	+10.10	...
Prop Bond Acc	297.80	312.80	-0.20	...
Rec Bond Acc	589.30	618.90	+20.00	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	200.30	210.90	+0.20	...
UK Equity Acc	264.30	278.20	+0.50	...
Special Sits	82.00	86.40	+1.40	...
Special Sits Acc	108.30	114.00	+2.00	...
North American	173.40	182.60	-2.40	...
N American Acc	228.90	241.00	-2.90	...
Pacific Basin	274.10	288.60	-6.10	...
Pacific Basin Acc	361.70	380.80	-7.90	...
Fixed Interest	271.30	285.60	+0.60	...
Fixed Interest Acc	358.50	377.40	+0.20	...
Property	154.20	162.40	+0.10	...
Property Acc	203.70	214.50	+0.20	...
Deposit	149.00	156.90	+0.20	...
Deposit Acc	197.40	207.80	-0.30	...
Managed	226.00	237.90	-1.10	...
Managed Acc	274.90	289.40	-1.20	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	589.60	620.60	-1.50	...
Property Fund	470.30	495.00	-1.70	...
Equity Fund	740.80	779.80	+1.90	...
Gilt Edged Fd	533.60	561.70	-1.40	...
Deposit Fund	309.70	326.00	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	313.90	329.60	+0.70	...
International	446.30	469.80	-7.90	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS 91 Wimpole Street, London W1M 7DA. Admin: 0272 266366. Prices: 081 789 2945 or 0272 752297				
Property	396.80	417.60	+0.60	...
Equity Bond	289.90	305.10	+0.10	...
Money Mrkt Bd	472.60	497.40	-1.70	...
Deposit Fund	353.50	372.10	-0.40	...
Managed Fund	394.00	414.70	+1.30	...
Intl Equity	423.90	446.20	-4.60	...
Intl Managed	415.40	437.20	-2.50	...
North American	181.90	191.40	-4.10	...
Far East	303.70	319.60	...	...
Intl Currency	236.90	249.30	-0.20	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth. 0705 827733				
Equity	126.40	133.00	+0.40	...
Fixed Interest	478.60	503.70	-6.30	...
Managed	600.90	632.50	+1.20	...
Deposit	316.50	333.10	+0.40	...
Property	375.50	395.20	+1.80	...
American	380.20	400.20	-5.00	...
Australian	379.10	399.00	-14.50	...
European	421.00	443.10	-10.90	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	238.80	251.30	-0.40	...
Global Managed	121.80	128.20	+0.40	...
Income Acc	651.80	686.10	+5.50	...
-do- Dist	405.30	427.60	+4.70	5.04
International	260.70	274.40	-3.40	...

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Japan Smaller	348.60	366.90	-11.80	...
Singapore & Mal	224.90	236.70	-1.50	...
Smaller Cos	303.40	319.30	+14.00	...
Tokyo Fund	508.40	535.10	-4.10	...
UK Equity	529.10	556.90	+2.90	...
CCM Mangd Mg	628.80	661.80	-3.70	...
Equity Pens Cap	839.20	883.30	+4.20	...
NATIONAL PROVIDENT 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH. 071 623 4200				
Managed	401.30	422.50	-3.50	...
UK Equity	506.20	532.90	-2.10	...
Overseas Equity	383.10	403.30	-9.20	...
Americas	363.20	382.40	-3.90	...
Far East	366.50	385.80	-11.30	...
Property	193.60	203.80	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	321.80	338.80	-1.50	...
Indexed Gilt	203.60	214.40	+0.20	...
Deposit	202.40	213.10	+0.30	...
NORWICH UNION ASSET MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP. 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1166.5	1227.9	-7.20	...
Eqty Fund	2583.6	2719.6	-10.10	...
Property Fd	436.10	459.10	-0.50	...
Fixed Int Fd	528.20	556.00	-2.00	...
Deposit Fund	322.80	339.80	+0.50	...
Intl Fund	190.60	200.60	-2.60	...
PEARL ASSURANCE Pearl House, Thorpe Wood, Peterborough PE3 6SA. 0733 63212				
Inv Prop Dist	137.50	144.80	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	261.60	275.70	+0.40	...
Inv Equity	1002.7	1055.3	+0.70	...
Inv Managed	688.50	724.80	-1.60	...
Ret Managed	749.30	788.80	-4.30	...
PROLIFIC LIFE & PENSIONS LTD Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4UB. 0539 733733				
Bal Gwth Mngd	653.80	695.60	+1.00	...
Cash Fund	316.10	333.10	+0.40	...
Property Fund	216.10	229.60	...	...
Equity Fund	738.20	785.40	-2.10	...
Fxd Interest Fund	400.20	421.80	+2.00	...
International	325.60	346.40	-4.50	...
High Income	591.50	629.30	+9.50	...
Far East	426.60	453.80	+0.30	...
North American	439.50	467.60	-1.60	...
Special Sits	544.00	578.80	+9.40	...
Technology	453.40	482.40	-0.80	...
Extra Income Fd	321.60	342.20	+3.80	...
Gilt Fund	436.80	464.70	-1.80	...
European	114.50	121.90	-1.30	...
Adventurous Mg	162.40	172.30	+0.80	...
Secure Mgd	123.50	131.40	+0.60	...
Equity Inc Dist	104.90	111.20	+1.10	5.03
North American	99.90	106.30	+0.60	5.68
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA. 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	257.40	271.60	+6.20	...
Fxd Interest Acc	212.50	224.20	-1.80	...
International Acc	199.70	210.70	-0.10	...
Managed Acc	184.80	194.90	-0.30	...
Property Acc	221.70	233.90	-0.10	...
Money Acc	144.10	152.10	+0.20	...
Spec Mkt Acc	183.40	193.50	+0.50	...
Japan Equity Acc	86.30	91.10	-2.00	...
N Amer Acc	139.00	146.70	-2.30	...
Pacific Acc	116.20	122.60	-0.40	...
European Acc	105.90	111.80	-1.60	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Walsworth Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP. 0438 739000				
Managed Ord	392.10	412.70	-4.70	...
Managed Initial	281.30	296.10	-3.60	...
Equity Ord	605.10	636.90	-6.00	...
Equity Init	434.10	456.90	-4.70	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	184.60	194.30	+0.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	138.30	145.60	+0.30	...
Oseas Equity Ord	285.40	300.40	-7.00	...
Oseas Equity Init	204.70	215.50	-5.10	...
Property Ord	219.60	231.20	-2.80	...
Property Init	157.60	165.90	-2.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	249.80	262.90	...	...
Fixed Int Init	179.30	188.60	-0.20	...
Deposit Ord	193.30	203.50	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	138.70	146.00	+0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH. 071 405 9222				
Managed	285.60	297.50	+1.20	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP. 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	625.10	658.20	-4.20	...
Equity Fund	1259.9	1326.3	-1.70	...
Intl Fund	450.90	474.70	-6.30	...
Fixed Interest	518.20	545.50	-2.10	...
Property Fund	376.40	396.30	...	...
Cash Fund	342.80	360.90	+0.20	...
Pacific Basin	222.80	234.60	-4.10	...
N American Fd	200.90	211.50	-3.10	...
Euro Fund	200.20	210.80	+3.00	...
Balanced Fund	126.00	132.70	-1.00	...
Strategic Fund	127.70	134.50	-0.40	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£593.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	388.10	408.50	...	...
Op Prop	407.10	428.60	+0.40	...
Op Equity	843.50	887.90	+14.30	...
Op High Yield	500.90	527.30	-1.70	...
Op Managed	667.30	702.80	+7.90	...
Op Deposit	369.20	388.70	+0.30	...
Amer Smaller	...	...	...	...
Extra Inc	...	...	...	...
Gold Gen	...	...	...	...
Inc Gth	275.00	289.50	+1.90	...
Japan Perf	...	...	...	...
Japan Smlr	164.90	173.60	-2.90	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Natl High	...	...	...	...
Prop Sits	...	...	...	...
Managed Gth	211.70	222.90	+0.40	...
Gilt	74.30	78.20	-0.30	...
Amer (35.34)	...	...	...	...
British	321.30	338.30	-10.70	...
Intl Fixed Int	106.60	112.30	-0.40	...
Global (35.34)	147.30	155.10	-1.50	...
Gold Share	45.40	47.80	-0.80	...
High Income	248.10	261.20	+1.70	...
Income	372.30	391.90	-1.10	...
Japan	292.20	307.60	-5.00	...
UK Smlr Cos	265.30	279.20	+15.10	...
Mngd Growth	383.20	403.40	-0.60	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS. 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	812.50	859.70	-1.40	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	325.60	342.90	-0.70	...
Equity Fund	459.10	483.20	+0.10	...
Property Fund	245.00	257.80	+0.70	...
International	362.90	382.00	-2.60	...
Pacific Basin	188.70	198.60	-5.10	...
United States	210.90	222.00	+1.10	...
Gilt Fund	314.00	330.50	-1.20	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	629.00	665.70	-2.10	...
Deposit Fund (2)	344.40	364.50	+0.40	...
Gilt Fund	452.70	479.10	-0.60	...
Global Equity Fd	180.80	191.40	-1.10	...
Property Fund (46)	88.60	93.80	...	...
AG/Bond Fund	131.70	139.40	-0.40	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 2323				
Equity	473.90	498.90	+3.70	...
Fixed Interest	315.40	332.10	-2.90	...
Index-Linked	175.10	184.40	+0.40	...
International	334.20	351.80	-7.80	...
Property	230.20	242.30	...	...
Cash	215.40	226.80	+0.20	...
Managed	369.10	388.40	-0.70	...
Cap Gteed Bd	96.40	101.50	-1.10	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF. 031 556 9101				
Cash	169.49	178.41	+0.20	...
Index-Linked	143.00	150.50	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	160.10	168.50	-0.40	...
Mixed	204.30	215.10	-1.70	...
UK Equity	207.10	218.00	...	...
International	194.80	205.10	-3.00	...
American	220.30	231.90	-4.00	...
Japan	183.70	193.40	-4.00	...
European	193.90	203.70	-3.10	...
Pacific	252.20	265.50	-3.20	...
Technology	275.40	289.90	+0.10	...
Cmmdy/Currncy	203.50	214.20	-3.90	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE. 031 225 2211				
Property	175.20	184.50	+0.20	...
UK Equity	306.20	322.50	-1.60	...
American	220.30	232.00	-7.60	...
Pacific	242.30	255.10	-5.30	...
European	361.00	380.10	-9.90	...
International	242.40	255.20	-5.50	...
Fixed Interest	216.20	227.70	-0.90	...
Index Linked	180.40	190.00	-0.50	...
Deposit	181.20	190.80	+0.10	...
Managed	238.70	251.30	-2.60	...
Worldwide	100.60	106.00	-0.70	...
Pen Worldwide	103.50	109.10	-0.80	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	1374.1	1416.7	...	...
Safety Fund	205.90	216.80	-1.60	...
Growth Fund	194.80	205.10	-1.40	...
Opportunity Fd	194.10	204.40	-1.00	...
Cash Fund	163.70	172.40	+0.20	...
European Fund	269.90	284.20	-8.00	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	173.10	182.30	-1.20	...
Index-Linked Fd	162.60	171.20	+0.60	...
International Fd	230.80	243.00	-6.00	...
North American	212.30	223.50	-4.30	...
Property Fund	113.40	119.40	+0.10	...
UK Equity	211.30	222.40	-1.10	...
UK Smaller	179.90	189.40	+5.30	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 556 9181				
Mixed	218.00	229.60	-0.20	...
Equity	234.30	246.70	-0.10	...
International	215.20	226.70	-0.80	...
Property	191.40	201.60	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	201.80	212.50	-0.50	...
Index Linked	162.50	171.10	+0.30	...
Cash	176.50	185.90	+0.20	...
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	804.30	804.30	-5.80	...
Inv Pol 2	737.80	776.70	-5.50	...
Inv Pol 3	711.20	748.70	-5.00	...
Inv Cash	291.30	306.70	+0.30	...
Mixed Fund	387.00	407.30	-2.90	...
Equity Fund	465.90	490.40	-3.40	...
Property Fund	206.30	217.20	+0.30	...
International Fd	379.90	399.90	-11.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	321.60	338.60	-2.60	...
Indexed Stock Fd	178.80	188.20	+0.50	...
Cash Fund	213.20	224.50	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX. 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	304.90	320.90	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	359.10	378.00	+3.80	...
International Acc	271.40	285.60	-4.90	...
Property	209.00	219.90	+0.30	...
Royal Trust Mg	199.80	210.10	-2.50	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 031 225 2552				
Cash	253.70	266.00	+0.30	...
Equity	855.10	900.20	-10.00	...
European	127.40	134.20	-3.10	...
Far East	119.10	125.40	-3.60	...
Fixed Interest	348.80	367.20	-3.60	...
Index Linked	188.20	198.10	+0.50	...
International	475.10	500.20	-12.80	...
Managed	586.00	616.90	-8.50	...
Nth American	138.70	146.00	-3.80	...
Property	302.90	318.50	+0.10	...
Pensions				
Cash	385.60	405.90	+0.50	...
Equity	1199.0	1262.2	-9.30	...
European	148.80	156.70	-3.80	...
Far East	89.20	93.90	-3.10	...
Fixed Interest	461.60	485.90	-3.70	...
Index Linked	257.20	270.80	+0.60	...
International	641.00	674.80	-18.20	...
Managed	796.00	837.90	-9.50	...
Nth American	168.80	177.70	-4.20	...
Property	365.30	384.60	+0.50	...
Stock Exchange	179.80	189.30	-2.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	538.70	567.10	-4.10	...
Equity Fund	740.70	779.70	-2.60	...
Fixed Interest Fd	371.30	390.90	-1.30	...
Index-Linked Fd	276.60	291.20	+0.60	...
Property Fund	404.40	425.70	+0.60	...
International Fd	494.30	520.90	-10.40	...
N American Fd	195.30	205.60	-4.30	...
Far East Fund	154.70	162.90	-2.80	...
Deposit Fund	275.60	290.20	+0.40	...
International Bd	£67.12	...	-0.01	...
Worldwide Bond	146.00	153.70	-1.80	...
Worldwide Fincl	77.90	82.00	+0.10	...
Worldwide Tech	92.40	97.30	...	...
European	119.50	125.80	-3.00	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	530.10	558.10	-0.40	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	372.90	397.50	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£400.90	...	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	£433.10	...	+0.70	...
Agricultural Fd	£744.80	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc	£715.60	...	+0.70	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£371.40	...	+0.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£395.20	...	+0.40	...
Investment Fd	£284.30	...	-3.00	...
Investment (A)	£273.60	...	-2.00	...
Equity	£1067.7	...	-3.40	...
Equity Acc	£1026.8	...	-3.30	...
Money Fund	£435.50	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£418.10	...	+0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	£401.60	...	-3.10	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£345.50	...	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	£345.30	...	-1.10	...
Retire Annuity	£976.70	...	+8.60	...
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Growth Account	£1207.8	...	-0.20	...
Managed Acc	£895.30	...	...	...
Equity Account	£980.90	...	...	...
Mngd Fund Acc	323.20	340.30	...	...
Equity Fund Acc	433.40	456.30	...	...
Prop Fund Acc	226.60	238.60	...	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	266.50	280.60	...	...
Money Fund Acc	206.50	217.40	...	...
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	184.60	194.30	...	...
Pers Pens Accr	£2559.3	...	+28.00	...
Pens Mngd Acc	725.10	763.30	+14.10	...
Pens Guarantee	214.10	225.40	+0.80	...
Pens Equity	282.10	297.00	+7.00	...
Pens Property	225.40	237.30	-0.70	...
Pens Fixed Int	240.40	253.10	+3.40	...
Pens Intl	190.60	200.60	+3.20	...
Pens Money	217.00	228.40	+0.60	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	175.40	185.10	+3.80	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL. 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	733.40	772.00	-4.70	...
Property Acc	277.40	292.00	-1.70	...
Equity Acc	1219.4	1283.6	-2.80	...
Fixed Int Acc	343.00	361.10	-1.80	...
Index-Linked Acc	183.10	192.80	+0.30	...
Cash Acc	288.30	303.50	+0.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	330.30	347.70	-11.70	...
Japan Acc	225.40	237.20	-6.20	...
Pacific Acc	247.40	260.50	-2.80	...
Far Eastern Acc	564.70	594.50	-10.10	...
International Acc	416.50	438.50	-5.20	...
Distribution Fund	261.10	274.90	-0.10	7.38
European	136.00	143.20	-2.10	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE. 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	242.20	255.00	-0.80	...
Property Fund	176.70	186.10	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest Fd	197.80	208.40	-0.60	...
Money Fund	187.20	197.10	-0.20	...
Equity Fund	313.70	330.30	-1.80	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
American Eagle	174.60	183.80	-4.30	...
Australian	21.70	22.90	-2.20	...
Deposit	235.50	248.00	+0.20	...
Residential Prop	89.60	94.40	...	...
Financial	254.40	267.80	-3.10	...
Fixed Interest	306.80	323.00	-0.50	...
Gold	57.00	60.00	-3.10	...
Income	328.60	346.20	-1.10	...
International Eqy	345.10	363.30	-3.30	...
Japan	284.90	299.90	-12.00	...
Managed	511.40	538.40	-0.20	...
International Bd	104.10	109.60	-8.10	...
Managed Prop	168.80	177.70	-3.90	...
Preference	221.10	232.80	-3.10	...
Property	250.80	263.80	...	...
UK Cap	309.80	320.90	-1.30	...
World Income	248.30	261.90	-3.00	...
Euro Situations	204.60	215.40	-3.40	...

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Mean streaks in small print

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Refusing to pay out a claim for damage to the home of an elderly woman, who is seriously ill, does the insurance industry no credit at all.

The woman, who is nearly 90, collapsed at her home and used an alarm system to summon help when she regained consciousness. When the police and ambulance service arrived at the flat they used a builder to gain access. Because the door was solid and fire resisting and had two five lever security locks, as recommended by the insurer, it took some time to get into the flat and there was substantial damage.

The woman was fortunately reached in time and taken to hospital and is now in a nursing home. The repairs cost £458.25 but the insurer, Eagle Star, has stuck to the small print of the policy taken out by the freeholder of the block of flats, but paid for by the owners of the individual flats.

Because the damage was caused by someone gaining lawful access to the premises, the company will not pay out. The woman has not yet been told by her son because she is on a very limited income and he feels that the curt letter sent by the insurer will distress her too much.

The Association of British Insurers says that, under the strict wording of buildings policies, Eagle Star is technically correct. But it added that it hoped insurance companies would make an ex gratia payment in such circumstances, especially if the policyholder had not made many claims.

Policyholders should not have to rely on goodwill. It is probably acceptable that insurers do not pay out for damage to doors and locks if someone forgets their keys and has to use force to get in. But when action is taken to save someone's life the question of not paying should never arise.

If companies had any decency, the small print of policies should be amended. The cost would be negligible. Even if an elderly woman living alone sets the alarm off accidentally, there should be no delay in getting help to her because of fears about the cost. The figure in this case, £458, is a very small sum for Eagle Star, or any of the other major insurers, to pay.

If the woman had decided against installing the costly security locks, and had an insubstantial door, the cost of the repairs would have been less but she stood a greater chance of being burgled.

Had that happened, Eagle Star would have been happy to pay for the repairs to the door. Only, in that case, of course, the stolen items would not have been Eagle Star's problem as the contents were covered by a policy through the charity Age Concern. When Age Concern was consulted, it tried to pay out but was unable to claim the money from the contents policy.

It has never been the case that the water damage caused by fire brigades in putting out a fire has not been covered by policies. But, as insurers endeavour to wriggle out of paying claims, it might only be a matter of time.

Eagle Star just happens to be the insurer that is involved in this extreme example of meanness. It is worth policyholders spending a little time with a magnifying glass to check just what is excluded from their policies.

Many object to the fact that they have to pay for the costs of changing locks when the household keys are stolen in a handbag or briefcase with sufficient information to identify the house to a thief.

Insurance should put ordinary, honest law-abiding premium-paying peoples' minds at rest, not worry them about how they will afford to pay when the worst happens.

Tax nonsense

A financial adviser is facing a tax bill for the commission he earned for selling policies to himself. While the commission is paid by the insurance company it is, in reality, part of the very premiums paid by the broker. The Revenue is therefore seeking to tax him because the insurance company returned his own money to him.

It is difficult to understand why the broker did not opt to forego commission as this would have meant far more was invested in his policies in the first year and the ultimate pay out would have been greatly enhanced. However, such a case is a nonsense when schemes devised to avoid paying tax appear to prosper.

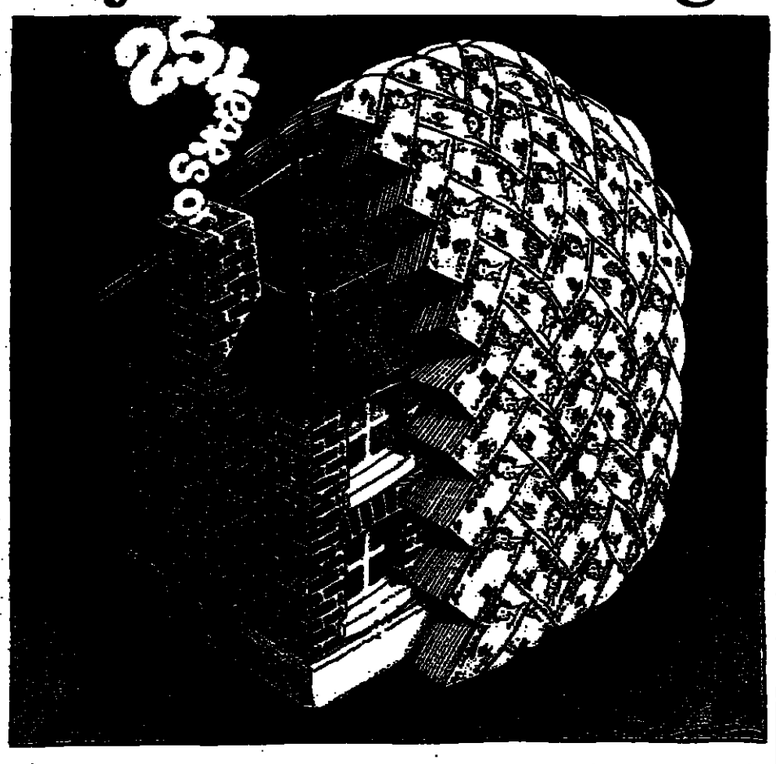
Employers are being encouraged to cut the basic salaries of staff and replace them with tax-free profit-related pay. Some of the schemes should be stopped, however much the government wants to encourage a genuine share in the profits for employees.

There is also no indication that the government intends to stop bonus schemes which pay out in gold to avoid National Insurance contributions for the employer. This year's bonus season is about to get under way. Now would be the time to act.

Insurance companies take a collective knife to bonuses and policyholders are likely to suffer further cuts until 1995

With-profit insurance sees day of reckoning

BY LINDSAY COOK



ANNUAL bonus rates on with-profits policies were cut by up to a third this week. With a few noble exceptions, payouts on policies have fallen, with shorter term policies bearing the brunt.

For many companies this will be the second year running that rates have been reduced and the cuts are likely to continue until 1995, so that payouts on the benchmark 25-year £30 a month policy could fall by £20,000 or more from their high point in 1991.

Because of the complicated way that insurance companies calculate their bonuses, the payouts are down no more than 15 per cent for policies maturing this year, but the guaranteed element for policyholders whose investments mature in future years has been reduced. Their final payout will rely more on the terminal bonus paid at maturity than the annual bonuses.

This is cheaper for companies than maintaining the annual bonuses, which are guaranteed once announced, as less than half the long-term insurance policies reach maturity.

Many life companies have stopped selling the conventional with-profits policies, making the league tables of payouts on typical £30 and £50 a month policies less of an embarrassment to their sales forces.

Companies selling policies may have to reduce their illustrations for new customers if their regulator, the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, goes ahead with a plan to reduce the figures given at the point of sale.

Norwich Union, one of the better performing life companies, expects the annual return before expenses to be 11 per cent during the 1990s. After tax and expenses this will come down to about 8 per cent. In the 1980s, the average annual return before tax and expenses was 21 per cent. In the 1970s it was 13 per cent.

Guardian Royal Exchange, which last year finished bottom of the 10 year payouts in the *Money Management* magazine survey of life companies, cut the payout on these policies by a further 8 per cent this year. Policies maturing this year will get £5,022 from a total investment of £3,600. Last year they would have received £5,479. The company, which will pay more than £80 million to 10,000 holders of matured policies during the year, warned last autumn that some endowment policies might not produce enough to pay off mortgages without increased premiums.

Its own 25-year £30 a month payout for someone who was 29 when taking out an endowment is £44,062, down slightly from £44,093 last year. However, the company's reversionary bonus was down from 5.5 per cent to 4.5 per cent on endowment policies and down from 6 per cent to 5 per cent on pension policies. The terminal bonuses remain at 150 per cent of existing bonuses for a 25-year policy and make up just under half the total payout. No terminal bonus is being paid for 10-year policies. GRE has stopped selling its traditional with-profits policies.

> 'Low inflation is to be welcomed, but it has an inevitable impact on investments'

Norwich Union, which cut the payout on its 25-year £30 a month endowment by 3.1 per cent, expects to keep on making similar cuts for at least the next two years.

Philip Scott, general manager (finance), said that the trend towards lower bonus rates needed to continue as lower returns would be earned in the 1990s than the 1980s. He predicted that the return on 25-year endowments could be down to two-thirds of the return at the peak by the mid-nineties. Norwich Union's peak year was 1991 when a £30 a month policy over 25 years paid out £63,000. This year it will pay £58,237. NU says that annual bonuses have to match income earned more closely and investors will therefore have to rely more on the terminal bonus paid. In Norwich Union's case, as few as 40 per cent of long-term policies reach maturity, whereas close to 100 per cent of short-term pension policies reach maturity.

The annual bonus is down to 3 per cent from 4.5 per cent on the sum assured, while the bonus paid on existing bonuses remains at 5.5 per cent. The annual bonus on the sum assured for pensions policies is down to 3 per cent from 5 per cent and the bonus on existing bonuses remains unchanged at 6.5 per cent.

Sun Alliance, which expects to pay out £175 million to 27,000 with-profits policyholders in 1993, has cut payments on a 10-year £30 a month endowment by almost 15 per cent from £7,060 to £6,005. Over 25 years, the same policy is down 3.8 per cent from £52,021 to £50,048.

Jamie Woods, director and chief actuary, said: "While low inflation is to be welcomed, it does have an inevitable impact on all investments. On the one hand the spending power of policy proceeds is increased but, on the other, lower inflation brings with it lower interest rates." The company reduced the bonus on existing bonuses from 7 per cent to 6.5 per cent.

General Accident increased the payout on a 25-year policy to £65,464 from £65,255, but cut the return over ten years by 6.2 per cent to £6,590. It did, however, cut its annual bonuses on both the sum assured and on existing bonuses by 0.5 per cent.

Demand cushions second-hand prices

DRAMATIC reductions in bonus rates have depressed the prices of second-hand endowment policies. However, the effect has been relatively mild because falling interest rates on rival investment vehicles have kept demand for second-hand policies at an all-time high, market operators report (Liz Dolan writes).

Sammy Alexander, a director of Policy Portfolio, which makes markets in second-hand policies, said average discount rates (ADRs) had fallen from 14.5 to 12.5 per cent in the wake of recent bonus cuts, but prices of second hand policies had fallen by only 3 to 5 per cent. ADRs roughly equate to expected rates of return on maturity, although they should not be seen as projections of future performance.

Demand for second-hand policies over the past three months was "the highest it's ever been", Mr Alexander said. David Beale, of Beale Dobie, a rival market maker, guessed that prices of second-hand policies had fallen by 3 per cent at most over the past few weeks, but said demand had soared over the same period. "December was the strongest month we've ever had." Mr Beale does not expect any further price cuts. "Prices have been falling over the past six weeks in expectation of rate cuts," he said. "Reductions have been exactly in line with our pricing levels." Guy Enriques, a partner at Foster & Cranfield, was reluctant to discuss figures.

> 'The market is benefiting strongly from the steep fall in interest rates'

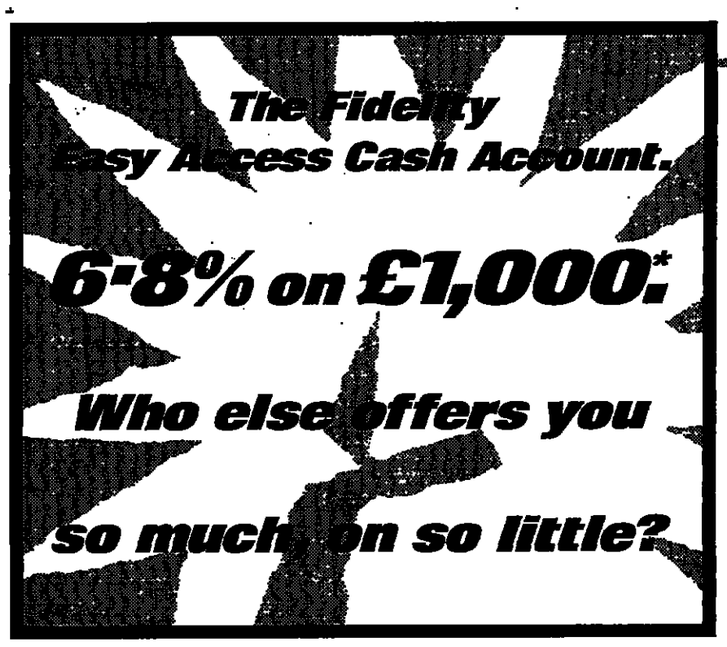
"The effect on prices is obviously there," he said, "but it has not been dramatic. It is difficult to be specific because some companies have been reducing more than others."

All three market-makers said the second-hand policy market was benefiting strongly from the steep fall in interest rates offered by building societies and other institutions. "The most important factor is people's expectations," Mr Alexander said. "We are now in a period when investors' expectations are generally lower. Even after the cuts, these policies are achieving more than 9 per cent per annum. That's still better than building societies."

Demand for policies with less than seven years to run was still outstripping supply, he added. Policies in the eight-to-12-year band were less popular, despite the fact that they were of similar quality, because "people want to see a fast return on their money". Because demand was lower, roughly equalling supply, these longer-term policies were probably better value, he said.

A spokesman for the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Association said moves to prevent companies from quoting over-optimistic projection rates on second-hand policies were taking effect.

"Rates quoted on these polices were too high, but we have been told that all members are now conforming with Lautro projection rules."



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Commission fuels endowment sales

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BY OUR MONEY EDITOR

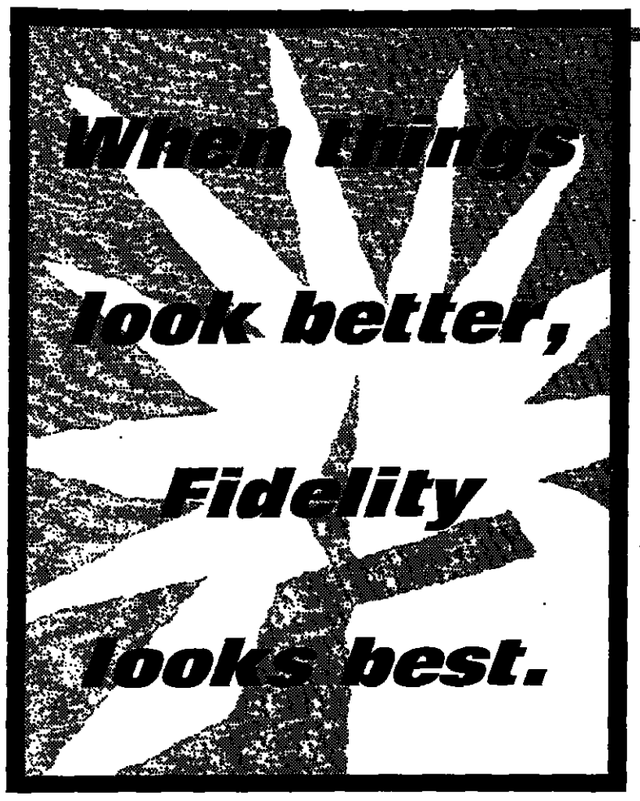
ENDOWMENT policies are still being sold to homebuyers, despite current worries that not all existing policies will provide a tax-free lump sum at maturity in addition to paying off the mortgage, and that some may even fail to pay it off.

Typically, 80 per cent of new mortgages are linked to endowment policies, and some of the more attractive fixed-rate mortgages are only available to people who take out an endowment policy.

This is because lenders and brokers earn commission on the endowment policies they sell and borrowers are more than willing to take advice from the building society branch manager, mortgage broker or bank. But people who surrender policies early are big losers. The Securities and Investments Board estimates up to 30 per cent of policyholders cash in 25-year policies in the first two years. Most get little or nothing back because most of the commission is paid to salesmen at the outset.

While most borrowers find a home first and choose the lender according to mortgage rates offered or quality of service received from the institution in the past, they tend not to make a conscious choice of life company for the endowment.

With the exception of Bradford & Bingley Building Society, headed by Geoff Lister, the top ten societies are now tied to insurance companies and can only sell their policies in the branches. This means that a Halifax customer will end up with a Standard Life policy. The company paid out £66,087 on a 25-year £30 a month policy last year and has yet to declare its 1993 payouts. Those who choose a Nationwide mortgage will get a Guardian Royal Exchange policy. While the company no longer sells the traditional with-profits policies, GRE £30 a month policies maturing after 25 years will get £44,062 this year. At Cheltenham & Gloucester, which gets most of its mortgage business from introducers, about 75 per cent of the direct business is endowment-backed. This is despite the fact that C&G was the first to offer interest-only loans that can be repaid by any method.



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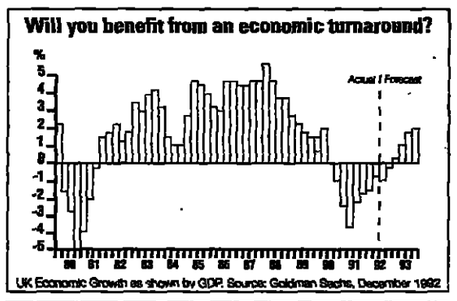

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Smoking and accident trends improve age chances of males

Men are catching up with women in longevity stakes

By Margaret Dibben

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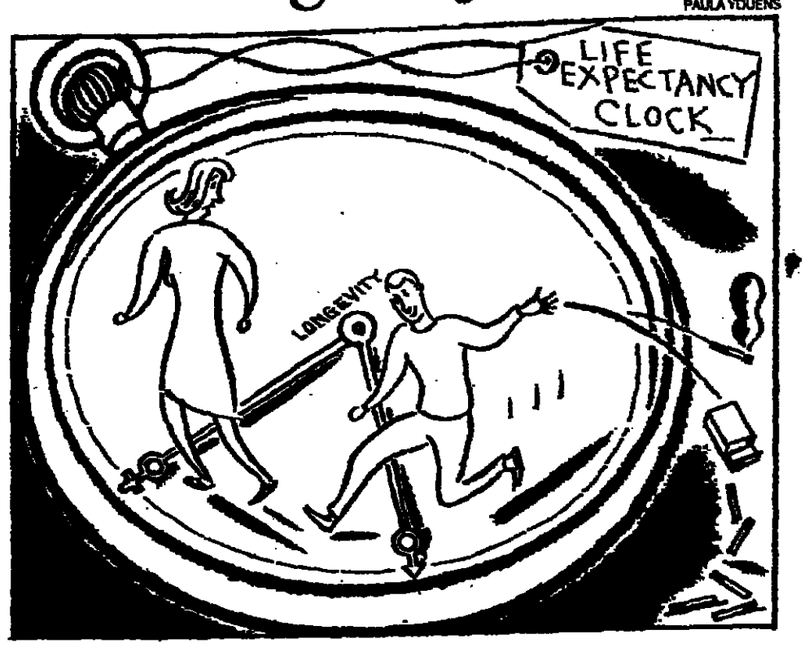

MEN had an extra reason to smile when they toasted long life and good health at the new year, especially those who had stopped smoking. Life expectancy for both men and women is increasing, but for men it is improving faster than for women.

The most recent figures from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys (OPCS) show that girls born in 1980 can expect to live for 76.6 years, outliving boys by 6.2 years. Girls born a decade later can expect to celebrate 78.5 years, just 4.5 years more than boys. Professor David Wilkie, chairman of the Continuous Mortality Investigation Bureau, said: "Overall mortality rates have reduced remarkably during the past ten years: there has been a very big increase in longevity for men and women."

Women on average have always lived longer than men: the social security department released figures in December showing that in the year to April 1992, there were 227 women aged more than 105 but only 22 men; in 1990, there had been 2,090 female but only 263 male centenarians.

But while actuaries are skilled at calculating how long we might live, they cannot so readily explain why men's life expectancy is improving faster than women's. It may be a return to an earlier trend. Professor Wilkie explained: "During the 1930s, women's mortality was better than men's but not by very much. It widened enormously between 1930 and 1980, but since then there has been a slight closing up."

Some explanation for the changing pattern can be found by looking at causes of death rather than reasons for living longer. Earlier this century, TB, scarlet fever and diphtheria killed many people but hit both sexes equally. As infectious diseases have been largely eradicated, it is accidents and genetic disorders that shorten lives and here men have been more at risk than women, although this too is changing.

Men suffer more accidents because they spend longer driving, and work in dangerous jobs. But people are increasingly safety-conscious and there are fewer deaths from accidents now. However, as women are taking on previously male-dominated, risky and stressful jobs, this could start to shorten their life expectancy. Some genetic disorders, such as haemophilia and Duchenne muscular dystrophy, are inherited only by males and can severely shorten male lives, but treatment has improved enormously, so the imbalance is now less pronounced.

Smoking is the other big issue. Mahilesh Dodhia, insurance research actuary with Bacon & Woodrow, said: "The experience between men and women has changed; female smoking habits are on the increase, while male smoking is on the decrease." Research from the Continuous Mortality Investigation Bureau shows that women smokers are twice as likely to die as non-smokers of the same age, whereas the mortality rates for male smokers are about 1.75 times those for non-smokers.

The extent of women's smoking may not yet be fully appreciated. Professor Wilkins said: "The first world war encouragement of smoking in the army resulted in big increases in male cancer, which started in the 1950s. Women started smoking during the second world war, so it would not surprise me to find that women's lung cancer was getting worse during the 1980s."

Many insurance companies charge lower life assurance premiums to non-smokers and to women because, with longer life expectancy, both groups are less likely to make a claim. Professor Wilkins said: "In insurance terms, the difference in premiums between smokers and non-smokers is almost as big as the gap between males and females." Some companies have been charging more to young single men who are in a high-risk Aids category, although the number of deaths from Aids has not been as great as insurance companies first feared. Pensions and annuities work the other way: the longer policyholders live, the more expensive it is for insurance companies because they have to keep paying out until the policyholder dies. Women have to pay more or, usually, receive less from their pension contributions.

But despite men's improving longevity, they are unlikely to catch up with women. Mr Dodhia said: "The genes are different and for that reason mortality rates will always be different." So there are unlikely ever to be unisex annuity rates, which is one area where sex equality campaigners have made no impact.

Fixed-rate mortgage offers flow freely

By Our Money Staff

MORTGAGE lenders continue to parade a host of tempting new offers before potential customers in an effort to attract them back into the housing market.

Abbey National this week launched four fixed-rate mortgages. One, for first-time buyers only, includes a year's unemployment cover and is fixed at 6.57 per cent (APR 8.7 per cent) until October 31, 1994.

The others, available to new and existing customers, are fixed for one, two and four years at 6.99 per cent (APR 8.8 per cent), 7.85 per cent (APR 8.8 per cent) and 8.75 per cent (APR 9 per cent).

Early redemption penalties are 60, 90 and 150 days' interest. The maximum loan is 95 per cent of valuation (or purchase price in the unlikely event of its being lower) up to £100,000: 90 per cent, if higher. There is a non-refundable charge of £199.

The Woolwich is offering a mortgage fixed for five years at 8.99 per cent (APR 9.2 per cent), on an endowment or pension basis only. The application fee is £275.

Three and ten-year fixed rates are still available at 7.99 per cent (APR 8.8 per cent) and 9.25 per cent (APR 9.5 per cent). All are limited to 90 per cent loans and carry three-month redemption penalties.

The Woolwich also offers first-time buyers a mortgage capped for two years at 7.25 per cent (APR 8.7 per cent) on a maximum 95 per cent loan. A new four-year fixed rate mortgage from Northern Rock is pegged at 8.25 per cent. It is available on new mortgages and remortgages between £20,000 and £150,000. The arrangement fee is £250 and homebuyers must take out buildings and contents insurance through Northern Rock to qualify for the offer.

Scarborough Building Society is offering borrowers discounts for the first five years of their mortgage. The rate is 2 per cent lower than the normal variable rate for the first six months, and then 0.5 per cent for the remaining four and a half years. There is no application fee nor any mandatory insurance products.

The offer is available on loans of up to 90 per cent of the property's value, or 75 per cent on a remortgage.

National Counties is offering fixed discounts of 0.75 per cent or 0.5 per cent of its variable mortgage rate for three years to homebuyers wishing to borrow up to 50 per cent and 70 per cent respectively of the property's value.

A new five-year, fixed-rate mortgage from Principality Building Society, which is based in Cardiff, is pegged at 8.45 per cent (APR 9 per cent) until March 31, 1998. The offer is available on loans of up to 95 per cent of valuation, or 75 per cent in the case of remortgages. The arrangement fee is £150.

Pension trustees have given wrong advice

By Liz Dolan

TRUSTEES of occupational pension schemes trying to follow new legal requirements to increase members' knowledge of their rights have been giving out wrong information.

Trustees and administrators have mostly met the December 31 deadline to inform members of the existence, and functions of the Occupational Pensions Advisory Service (Opas), Michael Platt, pensions ombudsman, and the pensions registry.

But several have failed to make it clear that all initial queries should be addressed to trustees of the scheme itself, according to Opas, and they have frequently omitted to supply the address of the scheme authority to which initial inquiries should be sent. The function of Opas is to deal with queries and complaints only if the scheme member does not understand, or cannot accept, the explanation given by trustees.

The ombudsman can only advise in a relatively limited number of cases, and can in any case only be called in if Opas has been unable to solve the problem. The registry is used to trace frozen pensions left behind in previous jobs, or to find the people to whom these pensions belong.

"A lot of problems in the occupational pensions industry arise through poor communications" said Chris Bleach, managing director of Ringley Communications, a subsidiary of Watsons, the pensions specialist. New disclosure rules, concerning the availability of annual reports and accounts, and the notification of members of any forthcoming changes to the scheme, were unlikely to benefit most people unless an attempt was made to communicate the facts in simple language, Mr Bleach said.

Few would be willing, or able, to wade through a "dry, boring report", however many times they were told of its availability. "Rather than just sticking up a notice on the board saying the report and accounts had been issued, we advise publishing a 'pop report', an overview of what's been happening, written in layman's language, and including any topical information that may be relevant."

Platt: ombudsman

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Early collection of direct debits can be embarrassing

Liz Dolan stresses the need for complete understanding by all parties to the agreement when a mortgage is taken out

PEOPLE who sign direct debit arrangements with mortgage lenders, or other institutions, should make sure that payees are not abusing the freedom that such facilities provide.

Elaine and William Mutimer say that Barclays Bank failed to give any warning before deducting a quarterly mortgage payment from their bank account on December 16, at least a week earlier than usual, and before their salaries had been paid in.

Mrs Mutimer says the first she knew of the early payment was when a shop refused to allow her to pay for her Christmas shopping with her Barclays Connect card. Authorisation was not granted because the balance of the account was above the agreed overdraft limit. "It was so embarrassing. I've never been put in such a position before. And now they're charging us interest on the overdraft," she said.

Richard Tyson-Davies, of APACS, the organisation that oversees the correct operation of the direct debit system, says that direct debit agreements usually prevent payees from deducting payments before a certain date. If early payment is requested, account holders must be given adequate warning, normally at least 14 days, to enable them either to check that the account has enough money in it to satisfy payment or, where appropriate, to tell the bank not to release the money.

Where people have not received adequate warning, they should be compensated if, for instance, they have had to pay interest on overdrafts as a result, he says. "The joy of the direct debit system is that it allows this sort of flexibility."

Barclays maintains that quarterly deductions for mortgages such as the Mutimers' have always been made a week earlier in the final quarter of the year. "The Mutimers will have been in this position every year since they took the mortgage out in 1988," a spokeswoman said.

Mrs Mutimer said she could not understand why she and her husband had not noticed the early deductions in previous years. The Mutimers had been encouraged to take out an overdraft facility that, in most quarters, adequately covered the amount deducted, but also attracted interest charges. The couple transfer around one third of their expected quarterly payment each month into a building society account. They say they therefore need a specific warning every time Barclays decides to make an early deduction so that they can transfer the money back into their current account.

Barclays said: "These payments are made in arrears, so there's been plenty of time to build up sufficient cash in the account. And, anyway, most people get their salaries early in the run-up to Christmas, don't they?"

The Mutimers' case is a typical example of how lender and borrower often fail to communicate properly when a mortgage is taken out. The couple maintains that it had never been made clear to them that mortgage payments would be deducted quarterly, rather than monthly. "The form we signed did actually say payments would be quarterly, but we didn't notice it at the time," Mrs Mutimer said. "Even when we asked why they hadn't taken our first monthly payment, they didn't explain properly. They just said it would all be sorted out later."

The couple also claim they were never told that interest rates would vary daily, thus making it impossible to calculate actual payments in advance. Requests to be transferred on to a conventional monthly payment scheme were met with an offer to open a mortgage interest feed account. This enables mortgage holders to pay in a set monthly amount by standing order, but does not solve the variable rate problem.

"These accounts are uncommon nowadays," said Walter Avrili, operations director of John Charcol, the mortgage broker. "They were issued by some of the clearing banks, mainly by arrangement with borrowers: that is to say, if requested by borrowers. I can't see why they can't be transferred to a monthly payment system, but maybe the mechanics at Barclays don't allow it."

The Midland said: "We still have people with this type of mortgage. They used to be offered by our branches, but we stopped doing them in 1988 when we went over to centralised processing. I can't understand why anyone would want to transfer to a monthly payment system as the cost of credit would go up slightly but, in most cases, there would be no practical objections on our side. There would be no charge involved."

People who took out home improvement loans before 1988 would be advised to stay with their original scheme, though, because they would lose tax relief, the bank said.

No early warning: Elaine and William Mutimer were left short of funds

If redundancy strikes, keep finances in check

Economic green shoots or no, up to 100,000 people are still thought to be losing their jobs each month through redundancy. Figures just released by the government show that nearly 280,000 people were made redundant in the three months to end-August 1992 and commentators predict a higher figure for the subsequent quarter. John Philpott, of the Employment Policy Unit, calculates that the official unemployment figure, nudging 3 million, is likely to rise more than 10 per cent in the next year.

Redundancy now affects people at all levels. Some employers offer counselling services, but many people receive little or no advice about what to do next. Consequently, vital actions that must be taken immediately are often never contemplated.

In a free booklet on the subject, just published by Towry Law, the Windsor financial adviser, the following initial steps are recommended. The newly redundant must register as unemployed as soon as possible to ensure National Insurance contributions are covered, and that possible future benefits are protected. People with redundancy insurance may be required to register as unemployed by a certain date. Unemployment benefit is paid to anyone who has made Class 1 NI contributions for a specified period. It is not affected by redundancy pay, or savings.

All creditors, bank managers and others affected by a change in an individual's financial circumstances must be told as early as possible. Mortgage lenders will often offer easier payments when income falls.

Credit card bills should be paid off where possible as interest charges are high. Gas and electricity companies have schemes to help people who get into financial difficulties. So do local councils, for poll tax payments. Some hire purchase agreements include redundancy insurance; if terms are reasonable, such agreements should be terminated.

Standing orders and direct debits should be reviewed, and inessential ones cancelled. A realistic estimate of expenditure for the next six months to a year should be prepared to help cash flow and for use in discussions with bank managers and mortgage lenders. Pension transfers should be discussed with an independent specialist. Transfer values depend on current market interest rates. Normally, when rates fall, transfer values rise, and vice versa.

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Ernie suffers side effect of lottery

From Mr John Gee
Sir, The Heritage Minister is bubbling over with excitement for his forthcoming national lottery but do Premium Bond holders share his enthusiasm? Prior to the Chancellor's Autumn Statement, Ernie was advertised on television and in the national press.

But what has happened now? No joy for the bond holders apparently. National Savings gave notice to customers in the press that from March 1 (statutory regulations require 3 months notice) the Government contribution of 6.5 per cent be cut to 5 per cent. In consequence the standard odds of 11,000 to 1 be lengthened to 15,000 to 1.

And to worsen matters further, as from the 1st of February the minimum purchase by parents, guardians and grandparents for children under 16 will be increased from £10 to £100. That is likely to cut down the potential number of young savers.

I thought it was Government policy to encourage thrift. Why the apparent change of heart?

On a final note, the congratulations slip gives the opportunity to buy a bond or pay into a bank or building society. No suggestion of the National Savings Bank or Investment Account. At the same time we are told National Savings are down and the PSBR up. No small wonder.
Yours faithfully,
J. B. GEE,
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Perils of Peps

From Dr A. M. Parsons
Sir, Like A. A. Sorrell (Letters, December 19) I have been examining the alleged advantages of Peps.

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I found that, if I were to do this, it would take 55 years to pay off the fixed charges by means of the tax saved, less their management fee.

A similar calculation for Barclays Stockbrokers gave 25 years with interest at current rates.

I conclude that Peps are a device for transferring funds from the Revenue to the pockets of financial advisers.
Yours faithfully,
A. M. PARSONS,
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Plastic alternatives

From Mr J. Keech
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From Mr P. Pledger
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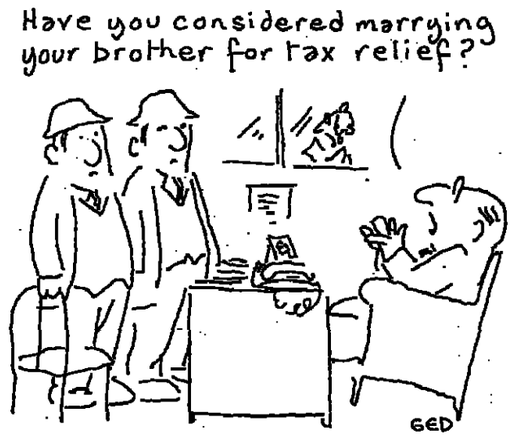

Tax relief problems over a mortgage no longer shared

From Mr P. R. Little
Sir, Two of my sons started a joint mortgage in November 1988, and each obtained tax relief through Miras on £15,000. In May this year, one of them ceased to be eligible for relief on that property, and the other was told to apply for relief through his tax code (i.e., not through Miras). This he did, but the amount of relief continued to be on £15,000 as before, although he is now the only person obtaining any relief on the property.

Does he have a case for the relief now being extended to £30,000?
Yours faithfully,
P. R. LITTLE,
65 St. Augustine's Avenue,
South Croydon,
Surrey.

The Little brothers will have to take fairly radical action if the remaining brother is once again to obtain tax relief on £30,000.

Half the tax relief has been lost because one brother no longer qualifies for relief in respect of the original property (presumably he now has a new home).

Unfortunately, the other brother cannot simply take over the loan in order to restore the tax relief. It seems that he has stepped into the outgoing brother's shoes and is making extra payments to cover his share; this does not work for unmarried joint borrowers, who are statutorily presumed to be paying interest only on a part of the loan (50 per cent each where there are two borrowers), therefore the tax relief is halved.

It might be possible to obtain 100 per cent relief in future by having the remaining brother take over the entire loan, but this is not certain.

Tax relief is available on loans taken out to acquire an interest in one's private residence; in these circumstances, the Inland Revenue could argue that part of the remaining brother's loan was taken out to help his brother, rather than to buy an interest in the property, and, therefore, extra tax relief would be denied.

The only certain way to obtain 100 per cent relief is for the remaining brother to buy out the interest of the one who is leaving. Any extra borrowing would, in this case, be incurred for a qualifying purpose, so relief would not be in doubt.

Whether such a move made commercial sense would depend on how much the property is now worth, as the fall in property prices may mean that the outgoing brother suffers a loss and does not receive enough to pay off his share of the loan. It would also not restore the relief lost from May up to the date of the new loan.

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Cash withdrawals without a PIN

From Ms Joan Salter
Sir, I was very interested to read Mr Fremlin's letter alleging thieves can gain access to cashpoints without a PIN.

Three years ago my bag was stolen and although I immediately notified all credit card companies, I did not notify my building society secure in the knowledge that the card could not be used for purchases. I was horrified to find, three days later, that a total of £750 had been taken from my Abbey National Building Society Account. I freely admitted that my diary had carried a coded note of my PIN. However this was based on a name memorable only to myself and of no meaning to anyone else, even members of my family.

The Building Society stated categorically that their machines were infallible and the loss was my responsibility. In spite of this infallibility, further amounts were taken from my account afterwards, but the Building Society refunded these because they stated their computer had been down when I reported the card stolen.
Yours faithfully,
JOAN SALTER,
64 Church Crescent, N10.

Cheque card safeguard

From Mr John Matthews
Sir, Mr Hebbron complains (Letters, December 28) that a £100 cheque card is not considered sufficient on its own against one of his cheques, but this misses a vital point – theft.

Readers will be aware of the huge increase in frauds involving cards and cheques. Indeed a guarantee card and corresponding cheque book are very valuable and sell for over £500. Thefts of this nature are happening in every town every day of the week. Thieves are able to remove the original signature on the card and replace it with another which they can reproduce on the cheques. Faced with fraud of this nature many stores are asking everyone who wishes to spend over £50 for further proof of identity, and a very sensible precaution it is too!

The banks seek every loophole to avoid paying out on their "guaranteed" cheques.
Yours faithfully,
JOHN MATTHEWS,
119 Mayals Road,
Swansea.

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THE INVESTMENT HOUSE

Yorkshire says it is the bank that really listens

BY LIZ DOLAN

THE main high street banks are using favourable customer surveys in an effort to paper over the cracks that have appeared in their relationship with the public, according to Yorkshire Bank, the largest regional rival to the principal banking groups.

Yorkshire said: "The surveys have been used to promote an open, concerned and caring attitude as a 'quick-fix' response to criticism of the industry's lack of regard for customer care."

The bank said it was especially irritated with this sudden desire by its larger rivals to canvass the needs of their customers because it had been producing similar surveys for at least ten years.

A spokeswoman for the bank said: "We've always talked to our customers and listened closely to what they were saying. The big banks sit there like gods, expecting people to take everything they dish out." She added: "They have got to learn to start treating their customers like human beings once more."

The survey, published this week, discovered that the most frequently mentioned requirement was for a bank manager who was accessible, and also one that dealt sympathetically with financial problems.

Yorkshire said that its bank managers developed a closer relationship with customers than those of the leading banks, and that they were given a greater level of autonomy. Customers also demanded that mistakes be corrected quickly and an apology given, the bank said. Cash dispensers should be working and always contain sufficient money, respondents added. The spokeswoman said: "If one of our ATMs is empty, all hell breaks loose. We do everything we can to keep them topped up."

As a result of the survey, Yorkshire is claiming 97 per cent satisfaction with its level of service to personal customers. According the bank, 60 per cent of these are "very or extremely satisfied".

Among the bank's business customers, 94 per cent were satisfied, with 68 per cent "very or extremely" satisfied, it said. Nine out of ten customers said the bank had dealt sympathetically with their financial problems.

Yorkshire said the results of this latest survey showed that it had at least maintained its level of service, and in some instances improved it "over a decade in which the banking industry has become increasingly vulnerable to criticism of its lack of regard for customer service."

The survey, carried out last summer, questioned 10,000 people.

INTEREST RATE ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	———
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	4.64	4.64	3.71	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	4.73	4.73	3.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	3.75	3.75	3.00	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	4.07	4.07	3.26	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	4.64	4.64	3.71	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	4.78	4.78	3.82	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	4.31	4.31	3.45	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	4.31	4.31	3.45	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland MMC	4.98	5.10	4.08	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	2.63	2.68	2.13	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	5.40	5.54	4.43	2,000‡	none	0800 556884
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000‡	none	0272 433972
Midland HICA	2.05	2.06	1.65	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	1.50	1.51	1.21	500‡	none	0800 200 400
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	2.25	2.27	1.82	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	2.06	2.06	1.65	2,000‡	none	071-800 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	1.31	1.31	1.05	1+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
Skipton	6.40	6.40	5.13	2,000 min	Postal	——
Britannia	6.75	6.75	5.40	25,000 min	Postal	——
Bristol & West	5.25	5.25	4.20	50,000 min	30 day	——
Leeds Permanent	5.44	5.44	4.35	25,000 min	90 day	——
Nationwide	5.63	5.63	4.50	50,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Britannia	6.75	6.75	5.40	25,000 min	Postal	——
Nottingham	5.85	5.85	4.68	50,000 min	30 day	——
Birmingham Mid	5.96	5.96	4.77	50,000 min	60 day	——
Scarborough	6.75	6.75	5.40	50,000 min	90 day	——
Tynemouth	7.30	7.30	5.85	50,000 min	1 year	——
Compiled by Chase de Vere Moneyline - call 071 404 5766 for further details						
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.75	2.81	2.25	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	6.25	4.69	3.75	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-50,000	3 mth	0253 69151
First Opt Bond*	6.50	6.50	5.20	1,000-250,000		041-649-4555
40th Issue Cert*	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85			
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-100,000	8 days	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Prosperity	5.90	5.90	5.02	25,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Ass	5.55	5.55	4.72	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Laurentian Life	6.70	6.70	4.02	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Consolidated Life	6.50	6.50	5.23	2,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Laurentian Life	7.00	7.00	5.95	50,000 min	5 yrs	for details

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (Nov 91-92)	+3.0%	Spanish Pesetas:	173.00
Bank Base Rate	7%	French Francs:	8.23
Personal Loan	26%	Greek Drachma:	338.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lire:	2295.00

TESSA	CAR (%)	£9,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investment	Telephone number
Allied Trust	9.49	£9,284.70	£25+2mths notice	£9,000	071 2839111
West Bromwich	9.00	£9,270.00	£25+1mths notice	£1	0625 613612
Exeter Bank	8.77	£9,263.10		£250	0392 50635
National Cnty	8.76	£9,262.50	90 days loss intst	£3,000	0372 742211
Tipton & Cely	8.65	£9,259.50	£20+7days notice	£1	021 5572551

‡ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less. * Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates. †Tax free. *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums**not on sale at the moment.

Compiled by KAREN BUCKLEY

MORTGAGE LOANS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Universal 091 232 0973	6.06	to £100k	95	After 2.5% discount for 6 months
Yorkshire 0274 740740	6.00	to £250k	95	After 2.5% discount for 6 months
Britannia 0538 399399	6.66	to £100k	90	After 1.86% discount for first 12 months
BANK				
Abbey National 0800 555100	6.35	£80-100k	90	After 1.75% discount
BANK				
Royal Bank of Scot. 091 556 8555	6.50	£50k+	95	After 2% discount for first year

Source: Bay's Guides Ltd. Financial Information Providers 0753 880462

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1	Serco Gp	Business Serv	
2	Wolvrhmptn D	Breweries	
3	Matthew Clark	Breweries	
4	Clayhithe	Industrial	
5	Scholes Grp	Electrical	
6	King Shaxson	Banks,Disc	
7	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
8	Nthn Foods	Foods	
9	Br Polythene	Industrial	
10	Watmough	Paper,Print	
11	Rubicon	Industrial	
12	Beattie (J) 'A'	Drapery,Strs	
13	Cape	Industrial	
14	Lister	Textiles	
15	QS Hldgs	Drapery,Strs	
16	Gencor	Mining	
17	Titon	Industrial	
18	Suter	Industrial	
19	Betterware	Drapery,Strs	
20	GKN	Industrial	
21	Bradford	Property	
22	Tunstall	Electrical	
23	Gt Western Res	Oils, Gas	
24	Roskel	Building,Rds	
25	Yorkshire Elec	Electricity	
26	Brown (N)	Drapery,Strs	
27	Ross Gp	Industrial	
28	Carlton Comm	Leisure	
29	Palon	Electrical	
30	Paterson Zoch	Chems,Plas	
31	Seeboard	Electricity	
32	Reliance Sec	Business Serv	
33	Cakebread Rby	Building,Rds	
34	API	Paper,Print	
35	Clarkson (H)	Transport	
36	AB Elect	Electrical	
37	Wolseley	Industrial	
38	Eve Group	Building,Rds	
39	Sun Alliance	Insurance	
40	Sims Food	Foods	
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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
399	245½	Abbey Nat	358½	-12½	10.5	3.9	12.4
191	154	Allied Irish	187	-1	...	6.4	10.7
197½	106	Ans New Z	132½	-2½	...	6.8	...
3106¼	1906¼	Bankamerica	2881¼	-128¾	...	...	...
200	141	Bk of Ireland	194	-3	...	6.5	29.4
345	320	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	16.0	7.5	...
130	97	Bank Scotland	119	-3	4.3	4.9	18.7
410	274	Barclays	369	-10	21.1	7.6	...
6	1¾	Benchmark	2	...	...	...	...
204	28	Brown Shipley	42	-1	...	...	...
21	10	Carlisle	17	...	...	...	...
428	285	Cater Allen	428	+23	26.0	8.1	...
95	61	Castles	92	-1	3.8	5.5	13.4
1980	912½	Chase Manh	1825 †	-18½	...	...	...
1475	537½	Citicorp	1387¼	-37½	...	...	...
278	205	Close Bros	274	-1	9.5	4.6	12.2
£104	7700	Commerzbk	9800	-25	...	3.7	...
£281	£214	Deutsche Bk	£252½	-41¼	...	2.5	...
84	13	First Nat Fin	60	-6½	...	...	...
1104	493	Fuji Bank Y	933	...	...	0.5	...
378	230	Gerrard Nat	378	+13	21.0	7.4	...
570	236	HSBC	516	+20	...	3.8	21.2
577	313	HSBC HK	496	+16	...	4.0	20.4
287	202	Hambros	251	-5	13.8	7.3	11.1
353	308	Joseph (L)	353	...	15.8	6.0	...
108	54	King Shaxson	108	+7	5.0	6.2	...
330	212	Kleinwort Ben	319	-5	16.0	6.7	22.9
549	346	Lloyds	526	-8	16.7	4.2	17.9
64	40	Lon Scot Bk	63½	+½	2.7	5.8	14.1
351	258	Nat Aust Bk	332	-3	...	0.1	...
425	251	Nat West	416	-6	17.5	5.6	57.5
700	418	Provident	689	-4	25.0	4.8	15.8
40	25	Rea Bros	40	...	0.5	1.7	...
216	137	Ryl Bk Scot	211	...	8.8	5.6	...
1433	1043	Schroders	1433	+3	18.0	1.7	16.7
606	364	Stand Chart	590	+4	20.0	4.5	15.2
161½	115	TSB	156	-2	6.4	5.5	...
200	38	Union Disc	90	...	13.5	...	...
605	403	Warburg SG	543	-10	18.0	4.4	16.1
204	137	-do- 6% 'A'	193	-1	...	4.1	...
5100	3087½	Wells Fargo	4962½	+69½	...	2.1	...
183	99	Westpac	138	...	...	5.9	-
253	188	Wintrust	190	...	9.3	6.5	7.3

BREWERIES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
712	526	Allied-Lyons	625	+4	20.0	4.3	14.5
656	472	Bass	610	-11	18.9	4.1	13.3
204	146	Boddington	203	...	6.6	4.3	12.9
400	243	Bulmer (HP)	383 †	-5	9.0	3.1	17.6
143	111	Burtonwd Brw	134	+4	4.4	4.4	9.8
291	194	Devenish (JA)	273 †	+1	7.8	3.8	-
107	68	Eldridge P 'A'♦	78 †	+1	...	5.6	-
84½	47	Fosters Brewing	54½	-1½	...	2.5	-
440	340	Fullr Sm 'A'♦	350	...	...	2.6	14.7
198	127	Gibbs Mew♦	150	...	6.7	6.1	14.4
518	360	Grand Met	428 †	-8	...	3.8	14.4
434½	283	Greenalls Grp	414	-1	...	3.8	15.3
530	405	Greene King	515 †	...	11.6	3.0	13.4
644	471	Guinness	495	-2	10.8	2.9	14.2
346	245	Hardy Hansn	280	...	7.9	3.8	-
145	113	Heavitree♦	113	...	3.0	3.6	15.7
105	78	-do- 'A' LV♦	78	...	...	5.2	10.9
305	191	Highland Dist	266	+7	6.0	3.0	17.7
48	21	Hoskins Brew	33	...	...	...	23.8
335	268	Invergordn Dist	301	-8	6.5	2.9	17.0
220	151	Macallan-Glen	185	+1	0.7	0.5	37.3
620	380	Marstn Marm 'A'	420	...	8.8	2.8	13.2
720	515	Mansfield	670	+1	13.6	2.7	14.4
269	166	Mrstn Thmp	252	...	4.9	2.6	14.8
477	394	Matthew Clark	435	+5	15.7	4.8	12.3
351	196	Mrcytwn W♦	280	...	...	1.8	21.2
493	320	Morland	480	...	8.4	2.3	19.1
10½	5½	Paramount♦	6½	...	...	2.1	11.5
1020	665	SA Breweries	812	-44	...	3.5	12.3
492	380	Scot & New	452 †	...	16.1	4.7	12.3
200	145	Taunton Cider	195	-1	...	3.2	18.2
224	148	Vaux Group	221	+1	9.3	5.6	15.2
499	347	Whitbread 'A'	484	+1	16.9	4.7	13.6
1436	1150	-do- 'B'	1165	...	16.9	1.9	32.8
660	510	Wolvrhmptn D	567	+5	11.4	2.7	...
545	453	Young 'A'	513	...	14.5	3.8	22.4

BUILDING, ROADS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
82	60	Abbey	82	+2	...	1.8	28.0
26	9	Albrighton♦	16	...	...	...	...
128	54	Allen♦	95	...	...	10.2	10.8
182	53	Amec	69	-1	10.2	...	6.4
27	2½	Anglia Sec	4½	...	...	...	...
192	85	Ashbrook♦	170	...	4.1	3.2	22.8
151	100	Attwoods	135	-2	5.0	4.9	19.5
203	123	BPB Ind	202	...	11.2	...	51.4
102	50	Baggeridge Brk	60 †	-4	3.1	6.9	-
27	15	Bailey (Ben) Con	23	+2	0.5	3.2	...
118	68	Barratt	86 †	...	1.2	1.9	-
104	34	Barratt Devs	96	+1	2.0	2.8	10.7
328	193	Bellway	328	+2	11.5	4.7	18.2
30	14	Bellwinch	16	...	...	...	...
345	186	Berkeley Gp	313 †	...	5.0	2.1	20.7
100	46	Bett Bros	46	...	...	...	1.9
89	27	Blockleys	44	...	3.3	...	43.7
284½	121	Blue Circle	205	-4	11.2	7.3	20.5
240	140½	Boot (Henry)	240	...	...	3.0	13.1
108	62	Breedon PLC	94	...	4.6	6.5	18.2
132	66	Br Dredging	88	...	7.4	11.2	11.4
180	42	Brit Fittings	58	+3	3.3	...	...
116	60	Bryant	110	-1	4.8	5.8	21.7
90	58	CALA	63	...	2.8	4.9	...
249	187	CRH	219	-4	...	4.5	11.0
48	14	Cakebread Rby	36	+8	...	...	...
82	18½	Costain	25½	+½	4.7	...	...
143	51	Countryside	99	...	4.1	5.7	-
66	23	Crest Nicholson	41	-2	0.0	...	...
58	14	Croston	29	...	...	...	...
6	¼	Dunton♦	3½	...	...	...	...
45	12	Edmond Hldgs	17	...	1.8	...	7.0
211	132	Epwin	184	+1	...	4.8	15.2
54	23	Erith	36	...	2.0	...	...
267	220	Eve Group♦	255	+3	...	5.1	9.1
86	25	Everett Bardon	43	-1	3.6	...	23.3
19	3	Explaura♦	6½	...	...	...	...
135	68	Freeman Gp♦	97	...	...	...	...
79	40	Galliford	49	...	4.3	11.7	19.7
98	75	Gibbs & Dandy	78	...	...	...	...
925	578	Gleeson (MJ)	703	...	12.7	2.4	10.4
114	67	Hewden-Stuart	98	-2	3.1	4.3	20.4
63	28	Hewetson	28	...	2.6	...	27.4
28	15	Hey & Croft♦	16 #	...	...	...	...
388	126	Heywd Wlm	190	+1	12.5	8.8	17.5
106	29	Higgs & Hill	38	-1	9.0	...	5.8
39	23	How Gp	28	...	2.5	...	9.7
20	10	Howard Hldgs	16	...	0.5	4.2	...
96	36	Ibstock Johnsen	49	...	6.0	...	...
43	14½	Jarvis	15	...	0.5	...	...
240	109	Laing (J)	209	+1	9.0	5.7	10.9
35	3½	Lilley	7 #	...	2.0	...	2.4
122	80	Ln Clydesdale♦	83	...	...	11.2	6.2
28	4½	Lovell (YJ)	12½	...	...	...	3.7
295	180	Manders	260	+1	7.0	3.6	18.1
148	57	Marley	104	...	4.2	5.4	26.2
97	47	Marshalls	67	+1	...	10.0	22.4
155	101	Maunders (J)	128	...	4.9	5.2	11.7
219	76	McAlpine (A)	112	+2	10.3	...	7.8
75	19	McCarthy & S	29½	...	0.5	6.1	...
433	181	Meyer Intl	293	+1	16.5	7.5	30.2
14	4	Miskin Gp♦	4	...	...	...	...
171	52	Mowlem (J)	68	+1	10.5	...	...
73	18	NSM	72	-1	...	...	...
165	90	Newman Tnks	137	-2	9.3	9.1	21.2
327	146	Persimmon	220	-4	8.6	5.2	18.1
36	19	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1684	1150	Pochins	1475	...	29.0	2.7	8.9
155	66	Prowting	83	...	3.4	3.5	...
23	3½	Quilligotti♦	5½	...	...	...	...
669	383	RMC Gp	569	-1	20.0	4.7	21.2
137	67	Raine Ind	107	+1	6.0	7.5	17.9
96	23	Ransom♦	34	...	...	0.4	...
565	300	Redland	439	...	26.0	7.6	27.3
101	61	Roskel	74	+3	4.3	7.7	9.9
248	152	Rugby Group	234	-7	6.4	3.7	17.6
48	25	Swift-Rve♦	26	...	...	...	4.7
98	50	Sharpe & Fisher	71	...	4.0	7.5	...
125	70	Sheffield Insl	125	+1	5.4	5.8	33.3
83	53	Sheriff Hldgs♦	82	...	...	3.3	-
85	53	Shorne♦	68	...	...	10.2	10.5
222	188	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	5.0	10.2
15	5	Starmis	6½	...	0.3	6.2	7.8
161	51	Tarmac	107	...	5.5	6.9	44.2
236	129	Tay Homes	167	...	5.8	4.7	9.2
143	34	Taylor Woodrw	67	+1	9.5	...	9.5
688	398	Tilbury Dougls	480	-17	33.0	9.2	15.8
48	18	Tunn Hires♦	19	...	...	3.0	...
228	105	Travis Perkins	181	+1	8.0	5.9	25.6
38	20	Try Group	30	...	6.0	...	4.1
38	28	Tudor♦	28	...	...	...	...
106	45	Vibroplant	66	...	3.6	7.3	12.1
55	12	Ward Hldgs	21	-1	0.5	...	...
43	23	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
407	265	Watts Blake	375	+10	9.3	3.3	19.5
19	9	Wescol♦	12	...	...	...	...
129	45	Westbury	96	...	...	6.8	...
18	5	West Scaffold♦	5	...	...	...	...
22	2	Wiggins	5	...	...	...	...
481	215	Wilson Bowdn	398	-1	8.7	3.0	20.2
221	96	Wilson (C)	174	-1	3.9	3.0	27.6
189	65	Wimpey G	112	-2	...	6.3	43.1
81	26	YRM	31	...	4.0	17.2	3.6

BUSINESS SERVICES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
533	343	ADT	483	-7	...	...	-
248	193	Adam & Harvey	198	...	11.0	7.4	3.1
127	53	Air London♦	67	-8	...	7.0	8.3
63	34	African Lakes	37	...	2.0	7.2	7.4
152	81	Auto Sec	126	-4	4.0	3.2	10.2
208	80	BET Ord	104	+½	...	8.3	15.2
100	41	BNB Res	55	+4	4.9	11.9	6.5
283	208	BPP	275	+2	6.9	3.3	15.5
280	178	Barbour Index	275	...	7.2	3.5	20.1
30½	13	Boustead	17	-3	0.7	5.5	34.8
192	111	Brit Data Mgt	190	...	...	2.8	15.8
14	9	Broadcastle♦	12	...	...	...	...
101	58	Brooks Service	58	...	4.0	...	18.5
142	72	CRT Gp	102	+2	2.4	3.1	11.7
434	262	Capita Group	433	...	5.4	1.7	24.9
36	19	Casket Plc	34½	...	0.5	1.9	13.0
270	25½	Chiltern Capital	40	...	...	...	...
39	22	Christie	26	...	...	...	...
345	180	Chubb Sec	342	-1	...	1.3	26.7
43	18	Comace♦	28	...	...	...	...
31	5½	Corp Services	10½	...	...	...	...
123	48	Dart	52	...	3.3	8.5	5.9
216	145	Davis Service	210	...	7.9	5.1	15.9
115	85	EW Fact♦	85	...	...	6.8	6.3
57	8	Gardiner	15½	+½	1.3	11.2	4.8
48	21	Gardner (DC)	33	...	...	...	...
239	168	Hays	230	-3	4.6	2.7	22.6
251	167½	Hogg Robinsn	216	-2	6.3	3.9	16.2
143½	43	Holmes Protectn	68	...	...	...	...
147	98	Hutch Whamp	131½	+4½	...	...	14.1
£101	6837½	ISS B DKr	9925	+75	...	1.1	14.0
576	325	Inchcape	559	+1	12.5	3.0	23.8
694	561	Johnson Clean	694	+5	25.7	4.9	14.4
18½	2½	Lep	3½	...	...	...	...
210	168	Mide Gp	175	...	2.7	2.1	15.0
992	682	Manpower	926	...	...	...	...
44	37½	Michael Page	41	...	1.8	5.9	11.4
225	88	Pennas♦	218	...	...	1.2	55.2
5½	4	Prime People♦	4½	...	...	...	...
398	66	Prontfonti Alex	92	...	19.5	28.3	2.0
453	355	RCO	390	+5	12.6	4.3	13.7
183	117	REA	117	...	4.0	4.6	...
81	48	Reed Executive	68	...	...	...	...
165	117	Reliance Sec♦	140 †	+7	...	4.3	14.1
13	4	Rentaminster♦	4 #	...	...	...	...
213	134	Rentokil	213	+4	1.6	1.1	31.3
240	180	Rolfe & Nolan	240	...	6.2	3.4	16.1
354	234	Salvesen (C)	354	+1	7.0	2.6	19.6
43	25	Scott Pickfords♦	28	...	...	3.7	8.0
189	98	Securiguard	189	+1	8.5	6.0	10.3
12	1½	Select Appt♦	5	...	...	...	...
718	555	Serco Gp	718	+8	11.9	2.2	22.1
283	132	Shered Cmpt♦	252	-2	...	3.2	6.6
157	87½	Slenchley	123	+14	3.0	3.3	14.0
360	270	Warner Howrd	349	+8	5.9	2.3	19.7
81	41½	Welpac	45	...	0.6	1.8	...
15½	7½	Wills Gp	15½	+½	0.1	0.9	19.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
245	162	Allied Colloids	245 †	...	3.9	2.1	19.5
661	413	Amersham	649	+3	12.5	2.6	24.1
31½	5½	Anglo Utd	5½	...	0.8	...	...
9025	7362½	BASF DM	8350	-50	...	9.3	...
260	201	BTP	253	-1	8.8	4.7	18.5
£112	4050	Bayer DM50	£105	-100	...	...	...
268	126	Bagden	153	...	9.5	8.3	11.0
154	115	Brent Chems	154	...	7.3	6.4	72.8
453	418	Br Bio-Tech	440	+2	...	...	...
95	13	Caird Gp	30	...	2.5	17.3	5.0
170	112	Canning (W)	131	...	7.2	7.4	10.5
616	391	Courtaulds	595½	-6½	13.0	2.9	16.2
243	142	Croda	243	...	7.5	4.1	18.5
211	152	Ellis & Everard	195	-2	7.0	4.8	15.6
16	7	Euro Colour	16	...	0.6	5.4	...
121	43	Evode	119	+13	3.5	4.1	-
268	171	Halstead (J)	268	+3	...	3.0	14.3
227	158	Hickson	195	-1	7.8	5.3	12.4
£102	7337½	Hoechst	9700	-75	...	8.0	...
1410	975	ICI	1101	-7	55.0	6.7	26.6
660	434	Laporte	583	-27	18.9	4.3	15.7
328	138	Leigh	208	...	7.8	5.0	17.0
280	11	MTM	15	-1	1.8	...	3.0
1550	1100	Norsk Hydro	1525	...	...	2.2	...
400	360	Paterson Zoch	385	+7	11.4	4.0	16.6
395	350	-do- 'A'	368	+2	11.4	4.1	15.9
301	231	Plysu	274	+9	6.0	2.9	18.3
183	130	Porvair	183	...	...	2.4	19.0
11	4½	Satellite Speak	2½	...	...	...	...
475	329	Wardle Storeys	475	+6	16.0	4.5	19.1
425	270	Wlmhlnte R	425	...	16.3	5.1	18.7
391	253	Yorks Chem	391	+1	...	2.3	19.9
273	234	Yule Catto	259	+2	5.4	2.8	15.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
382	90	Alexon	99	-1	10.6	14.3	5.4
109	23	Amber Day	56	+5	3.1	7.4	15.3
306	190	Argos Plc	276	-1	6.4	3.1	19.2
99	57	Ashley (Laura)	89	-1	0.1	0.1	...
298	180	Asprey♦	285	...	...	2.3	23.1
340	180	Austin Reed	200	...	6.0	...	58.2
159	112	Beattie (J) 'A'	140	+8	5.7	5.5	13.4
144	74	Bentalls	97	...	3.8	5.3	54.7
230	86	Betterware	230	+8	...	0.7	31.7
114	22	Blacks Leis	31	...	3.3	...	6.4
371	138	Body Shop	174	-2	1.6	1.2	20.1
13½	3	Brown & Jackson	13	+½	...	...	...
333	260	Brown (N)	333	+4	6.0	2.4	20.6
83½	30	Burton	79	-1	2.0	3.4	...
320	126	Cantors	133	+1	...	2.7	39.4
340	245	Church	305	...	12.5	5.5	25.1
131	58	Clinton Cards	101	...	3.7	5.0	...
231	151	Coats Viyella	225	+2	7.0	4.1	25.8
165	77	Colourvision♦	86	...	...	8.4	14.5
384	300	Courts Furnish	384	+4	5.0	1.7	22.4
252	100	Crown Eyes♦	155	+5	...	5.2	7.2
111	65	Dairy Farm Intl	102	+4	...	...	18.0
57½	27½	Dewhirst (IJ)	57½	+1	0.7	1.8	17.7
286	179	Dixons Grp	224	-3	6.0	2.9	30.3
495	355	Dunhill	386	...	7.7	2.7	13.4
33	13	ERA Gp	20	...	...	...	9.2
780	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	4.0	11.8
97	36½	Essex Furn	97	+13	...	3.8	19.4
258	199	Etam	218	...	6.6	4.0	19.5
519	340	Fine Art Dev	511	-2	11.0	2.9	19.6
80	26	Fired Earth Tiles	28	-1	4.0	...	20.5
500	438	Forminster	498 †	...	12.5	3.4	10.4
36	5	French Conn♦	24	...	...	...	...
75	39	Gabbicci♦	42	...	...	6.3	8.4
69	39	Gem SR	50	+2	2.0	5.3	14.7
32	18	Goldsmiths Gp	29	+2	1.8	...	...
2400	1800	GUS	2400	...	40.0	2.2	19.0
1728	1319	-do- 'A'	1710	...	40.0	3.1	13.5
75	30	Hampden Grp♦	34	...	...	7.8	4.8
283	123	Hartstone	237	+7	4.8	2.7	14.5
35	16½	Helene Plc	22	+1	2.0	12.2	9.6
35	18	Heritage♦	32	+5	...	...	...
56	25	Honeysuckle♦	43	-1	...	3.1	7.2
168	130	Hse of Lerose	141	...	10.3	9.7	21.4
195	40	Jacques Vert	64	...	2.0	4.2	...
598	414	Kingfisher	571	-18	13.0	3.0	17.2
73	54½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	8.1	11.1
665	405	Liberty	545	...	7.2	1.8	37.1
373	162	Lloyds Chem	278	-3	5.5	2.6	10.9
152	90½	MFI	141	-4	...	3.5	18.8
348	268	Marks Spencer	320	-9	7.1	3.0	19.5
474	319	Menzies (John)	472	...	10.0	2.8	16.8
140	110	Moss Bros	139	...	5.0	4.8	26.8
150½	57	Next	150	+1½	0.7	0.7	29.6
85	16	Oliver (G)	16	-1	1.0	...	...
222	110	Oriflame Intl	220	...	...	5.6	14.1
143	49	Pentos	59	-1	2.7	6.2	7.0
53½	3½	Pope Group♦	4	...	...	...	0.3
270	202	QS Hldgs	270	+7	4.7	2.3	20.9
29	7	Ramers Group	13½	...	2.4	23.7	...
32½	10	Rhino Grp♦	22	-2	...	...	...
189	110	Sherwood Gp	150	+10	...	2.0	14.4
113	54	Sears	102	+1	...	4.6	28.0
523	367	Smith WH 'A'	469	-19	13.4	3.8	15.3
29	14	Speedalcyte♦	14	...	...	...	...
207	87	Storehouse	201 †	+5	5.0	3.3	...
256	153	T & S Stores	185	...	5.5	4.0	12.0
74	27	Tie Rack	73	...	0.5	0.9	...
185	132	Time Products	167	...	7.5	6.0	16.3
86	47	Usher (Frankl)♦	70	...	...	9.5	6.9
38	23	Vivat	28	...	...	...	77.3
68	28	Wensum♦	37	...	...	...	6.6
104	35	Wickes	85	+1	...	...	...
70	28	Wid of Leather♦	51	+3	...	...	60.0
205	102½	Wyevale♦	148	...	...	3.4	16.5
7	3	Xtra-vision♦	3½	...	...	...	3.2

ELECTRICALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
103	45	AB Elect	67	+3	...	...	...
197	128	ACT Group	169	...	4.5	3.6	16.6
231	195	Acal♦	223	...	...	3.5	18.7
47½	6	Acorn Comptr♦	41½	+½	...	...	...
395	299	Admiral	395	+5	4.8	1.6	17.0
133	94	Alba	108	...	4.7	5.9	14.1
75	7	Alphameric	21½	+1½	...	...	...
44	19	Amstrad	23	...	0.4	2.3	...
141	83	App Holo♦	123	+14	...	...	...
22	12	Arlon	17	...	...	...	...
38½	12	Astec	38½	+1	...	...	...
292	218	Bowles Hunter	280	+20	9.2	4.3	13.2
20	1¼	Bennett & Fount	4	...	...	...	...
361	207	BICC	342	-4	19.2	7.5	19.9
490	314	Bick	480	...	9.2	2.6	-
4575	1250	Borland♦	1350	...	...	...	...
280	208	Bowthorpe	289	-1	6.0	2.8	19.8
418½	305	BT	301½	-1½	14.4	4.9	14.3
315	212	BT New	287	-1	14.4	4.9	14.3
8½	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	6	...	0.1	2.3	...
226	80	Burnfield	110	...	...	7.0	15.8
718	489	Cable Wireless	707	+5	13.2	2.5	21.8
14½	4½	Chloride	12½	...	...	...	...
303	205	CML Micro♦	255	+2	...	2.4	16.5
116	62	Comptr People	84	+4	5.4	...	10.8
16	8	Cambrook♦	8	...	...	...	...
129	60½	Cray Elect	125	-1½	...	0.5	30.5
506	331	Delta	435	+4	14.0	4.3	17.2
225	148	Denmans Ele	225	+15	...	3.5	10.2
491	375	Domino	481	-3	0.2	1.7	19.0
66	43	Dowding Mills	49	...	2.5	6.8	16.1
1015	750	Druck♦	430	+17	...	1.4	22.6
375	233	Electrocmpnts	375	...	7.0	2.5	20.3
545	286	El Data Frc	498	...	5.1	1.4	-
50	26	Electron House	50	...	2.3	6.3	18.9
29½	7	Emess	11	...	1.0	...	...
473	292	Eurotherm	471	...	7.2	2.0	20.1
116	51	FKI	115	+1	2.3	2.7	22.3
367	227	Farnell Elect	362	-4	5.8	2.1	19.7
40	18	Feedback♦	33	...	...	...	...
13	3½	Ferranti	11½	...	...	...	...
106	30	First Tech	105	...	...	...	...
84	71	Forward Gp♦	81	...	...	4.1	9.7
28½	10	Forward Tech	10	...	...	...	...
286	183	GEC	274 †	...	9.6	4.7	14.5
227	102	Graseby	144	+6	10.9	10.1	12.5
57	38	Hitclare♦	39	...	...	1.7	12.7
452	395	Hoskyns Gp	452	...	2.4	0.7	-
135	65	INSTEM♦	85	...	...	6.6	5.4
328	190	Jones Stroud	328	+5	8.0	3.3	16.1
21	8	Kembrey	8	...	0.3	6.3	3.1
319	47	Kewill Sys♦	55	...	...	...	2.8
120½	92	Kode	117	+1	...	4.6	15.5
20	8	Laser-Scan♦	18	+2	...	...	...
120	49½	LBMS♦	120	+3	...	...	...
315	265	Lec Refrig	287	...	14.5	7.5	19.6
178	125	Life Sciences	176	-1	3.3	2.5	18.5
232	130	Logica	176	+5	3.6	2.8	25.3
55	45	LPA Ind♦	46	...	...	10.2	12.1
553	371	Macro 4	553	+16	...	3.1	20.7
565	305	Mcrvtec-Sw♦	565	+10	...	2.1	19.4
211	159	Microfilm Rep	208	...	4.3	2.8	19.9
2753	1453	Micro Focus	2715	-8	...	...	30.2
214	130	Microgen	212	+1	7.0	4.4	16.8
35	13	Microvitec♦	24½	+½	...	...	...
385	201	Misys	383	+6	6.1	2.1	21.5
117	40	Mitel	114	+1	...	...	...
123	78	MMT Compt♦	123	...	...	3.8	15.6
92	26	Molynx	26	...	4.0	20.5	2.5
373	204	MTL Instr♦	204	-1	...	2.2	12.7
146	82	Multitone Elect	143	-2	3.0	2.8	17.4
123	71	Murray Enter	123	+6	1.8	2.1	-
5687½	3962½	NYNEX	5550	+75	...	...	...
153	115	Neutronics	148	...	2.5	2.3	20.0
65	32	Newmark (L)	45	...	...	...	...
77	33	Norbain♦	73	-3	...	1.8	15.1
50	20	Northamber	25	+1	0.5	2.7	...
17½	10½	Oceonics	12	...	...	...	7.8
254	165	Oxford Inst	199	...	4.3	2.9	13.3
127	46	P-E Intern'l	49	...	6.2	...	...
68	16	P & P	35	...	4.3	...	12.5
66	42	Peek	60	+1	3.4	7.6	17.7
190	85	Pegasus♦	115	...	...	8.1	-
9200	7000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
1187½	625	-do- Lmp nv	750	-12½	...	...	...
380	310	Pilco	380	+25	7.7	2.7	32.5
350	280	-do- 'A' Voting	340	+25	7.7	3.0	29.0
91	48	Plasmec♦	85	...	...	3.9	10.9
98	63	Pressac	85	...	2.4	3.8	12.4
220	65	Psion♦	123	+3	...	2.6	...
7	2	Ptarmigan	6½	...	...	...	...
182	129	Racal Elect	175	-6	1.5	1.1	20.7
46	26	Radamec	46	+1	0.5	1.4	27.0
58	25	Radius♦	44	...	...	8.3	32.7
118	69	Real Time♦	88	...	...	4.5	8.0
28	10	Riva♦	21	-2	...	...	...
515	328	Sage Gp	511	...	9.0	2.4	-
60	44	Scantronic	58	...	2.9	6.8	18.3
134	92	Scholes Grp	134	+5	5.0	5.0	26.3
340	179	Sema Gp	327	...	2.6	1.1	28.1
50	29	Soundtracks♦	38	...	...	7.7	10.3
1981½	1275	TDK	1850	+12½	...	1.4	21.0
8	3	TDS Circuits♦	5	...	...	...	...
95	30	Telemetrix	92½	+3½	0.6	0.9	32.3
888	633	THORN EMI	860 †	-3	30.1	4.7	22.2
110	88	Thorpe FW	107	...	2.5	3.1	11.0
78	33	Total Systems♦	75	...	2.2	4.0	13.4
385	190	Tunstall	385	+3	6.0	2.1	-
236	123	Unitech	179	-1	5.8	4.4	22.7
24½	9	Verity♦	11	...	...	...	...
27	13	Vistec♦	25	+1	...	1.6	21.3
434	285	Vodafone	422 †	-4	...	1.8	20.7
430	260	Volex	430	+5	17.0	5.3	21.1
16	10	Western Selectn	16	...	...	...	...
287	153	Wholesale Ftgs	235	-3	11.7	6.6	30.1

ELECTRICITY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
444	273	East Midlands	434	...	17.1	5.3	8.2
430	266	Eastern Elect	430	+5	16.7	5.2	10.5
263	143	Hydro-Elect	247½	-½	10.1	4.3	11.2
465	288	London Elect	444	+2	16.8	5.0	8.5
513	324	Manweb	489	+3	18.2	5.0	7.1
482	287	Midlands Elec	475	...	17.2	4.9	9.8
490	295	Northern Elec	482	+1	18.5	5.2	7.1
491	298	Norweb	480	...	17.7	5.0	8.9
247	142	Scottish Power	237	...	10.1	4.4	11.3
474	297	Seeboard	468 †	+4	17.2	4.9	8.4
539	313	Sth Wales	508 †	+11	19.4	5.1	8.1
474	295	Sth Western	465	...	17.4	5.1	8.2
449	270	Southern Elec	443 †	+6	16.6	5.0	8.8
511	331	Yorkshire Elec	497 †	+6	17.7	4.8	9.2
280½	188	National Powr	275½	+½	9.1	4.5	9.0
285	196	PowerGen	275	...	9.2	4.5	8.5

FINANCE, LAND

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
58	28	Aitken Hume	57	+1	0.5	...	36.4
65	37½	BWD♦	65	+10	...	6.2	9.1
124	23	Baltic Plc	32	...	4.3	...	2.8
453	299	Caledonia	451	-2	14.4	4.3	17.3
1950	1050	Camellia	1100	...	27.0	3.3	9.2
280	203	Candover	251	...	9.5	5.0	20.7
91	48	Flextech♦	90	+3	...	...	8.9
156	105	Goven	155	...	...	8.9	4.5
135	97	Ivory Sime	130 †	...	...	6.4	13.8
6½	3½	LIT	4	...	...	...	...
165	7½	Lightship	11	...	...	...	0.5
155	110	Lon Fndlng♦	155	...	...	6.6	13.5
84	14	Manakin	69	...	...	...	...
41	1¼	Nat Home Loan	3½	...	...	...	...
41	24	Newmarket	41	...	...	...	...
260	179	Rathbone Brs	260	+5	...	2.6	18.4
19	9½	Rutland Tst	19	...	0.8	5.6	10.8
330	120	S & U	328	+1	...	3.3	11.8
45	21	Silvermines	28	...	...	10.3	...
52	34	Singer & Fried	52	...	2.5	6.4	11.4
865	575	Sothebys	825	...	...	4.6	...
93	73	SIP Capital	86	-1	3.0	4.7	15.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1650½	1043½	Amer Express	1643¼	...	...	...	...
233	149	Electra	185 †	-1	6.7	4.8	-
873	535	Henderson Ad	860	+2	41.0	6.4	18.9
100	50	Inwesco MIM	99	-1	...	4.0	14.5
223	121	Jardine Stra	165	...	...	4.1	8.0
174	100½	MAI	165	-2	6.0	4.8	12.0
429	244	MAM	409	-6	11.5	3.7	16.3
665	480	M & G	651	-1	20.0	4.1	27.3
133	81	Smith New Crt	123	-1	4.5	4.9	4.9
98	57	Sterling Tst♦	97 #	...	...	...	8.5

FOODS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	362	AB Food	513	-1	14.0	3.7	11.6
65½	22½	ASDA Group	64½	-½	2.1	...	16.5
178	75	Acatos & Hutch	177	...	6.5	5.0	-
83	31	Albert Fisher	64	+1	3.7	7.8	10.7
432	273	Argyll	397	...	9.7	3.3	15.6
51	11	Ashley Group	19	-½	0.7	5.3	...
147	103	Assoc Fisheries	136	...	7.0	6.9	25.1
185	143	Banks (S C)	185	+5	8.2	6.0	9.1
335	200	Barr (AG)	335	...	5.4	2.2	16.6
117	74	Bensons Crsps♦	76	...	...	5.0	8.1
27½	10	Berisford Intl	24½	+½	...	...	...
490	312	Booker	427	-7	21.7	6.8	13.0
44	28	Borthwick	37½	...	1.1	3.9	26.2
473	334	Brake Bros	473	+1	5.7	1.6	19.8
51	31	Budgen	47	-1½	...	...	16.0
499	412	Cadbury-Schw	462	-5	12.5	3.6	17.0
107	64	Carrs Milling	84 †	...	3.9	6.2	16.8
230	105	Clifford Fd 'A'	156	-1	11.5	9.8	7.4
186	140	Cranswick♦	186 †	...	...	5.4	13.7
38	8	Cullens	11½	...	0.5	5.8	6.2
435	275	Dalepak	383	...	6.0	2.1	17.0
486	352	Dalgety	485	+2	19.5	5.4	16.1
54	27	Daniels S	30	...	0.2	1.1	32.8
132½	92½	Everest	130	+1	...	3.6	13.5
275	234	Farepak♦	270	...	...	2.5	19.1
16	3	Farringford	5½	-½	...	...	...
81	53	Finlay (James)	80	...	4.1	6.9	15.0
93	68	Fyffes	83	+2	...	2.0	10.7
440	249	Geest	400	-5	7.9	2.6	15.2
12	5	Global♦	8½	...	...	7.8	7.8
49	34	Grand Central	45	...	1.1	3.4	...
180	81	Hazlewood Fds	168	-1	6.1	4.8	10.2
200	68	Hillsdown	144	-1	8.8	8.1	8.6
61	27	Hunter Saphir	28	...	2.5	...	...
672	412	Iceland Frozen	664½	-2½	8.5	1.7	17.8
142	103	JLI Group	123 †	...	4.5	4.9	17.7
827	514	Kwik Save	704	-6	16.0	2.7	16.6
286½	169	Low (Wm)	252	+2	8.4	4.4	12.2
74	29	Matthews (B)	43	-1	4.5	...	9.1
35	9	Merchant Retail	15½	...	1.1	10.0	36.2
177	83½	Morrison (W)	164	+1	...	0.5	25.7
515	318	Nichols (JN)	458	...	12.3	3.6	13.1
317½	215	Nthn Foods	289	+7	...	3.6	15.9
48	11	Nthmbn Fns♦	14	...	...	7.1	5.8
186	132	Nurdin Peack	178	+1	5.5	4.2	12.1
215	78½	Park Foods	214	-1	3.2	2.0	25.6
155	45	Perkins Food	99	+2	4.3	5.8	8.6
301	130	RHM	282	-2	...	6.3	14.9
5½	1½	Regina Hlth♦	1½	...	...	...	...
582	337	Sainsbury J	580	-9	8.7	2.1	21.1
61	35	Senny Farms♦	36	...	...	3.7	8.4
340	175	Sims Food	197	+3	11.2	7.6	10.6
443	285	Tate & Lyle	405	-2	12.0	4.0	14.9
296	194½	Tesco	270	-1	6.3	3.1	12.8
210	152	Thorntons	205	+1	3.6	2.4	19.1
133	83	Tresm♦	108	...	...	4.2	12.4
368	192	Unigate	330	+1	15.3	6.2	11.8
440	222	Utd Biscuits	371	+6	15.3	5.5	12.9
25	12	Usborne	24	...	0.4	2.2	14.8
357	205	Watson & Phil	273	+10	12.8	6.3	11.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23	16	Abrdn Stk H♦	16	...	...	...	...
79	52	Cty Centre Rest	79	...	1.4	2.5	22.1
262	112	Forte	197	+8	9.9	6.7	...
240	94	Friendly Hotels	199	+21	5.5	3.7	16.0
12	5	Harmony Leis♦	9	...	...	...	...
287	126	Ladbroke	194	+4	11.1	7.7	16.0
70	37½	Mandarin Orntl	66	+4	...	4.8	18.9
62	28	Queens Moat	52	+2	2.8	7.4	6.9
118	51½	-do- 7¾% cvpr	89½	+1	7.5	11.2	...
2½	¼	Regal Hotels♦	1½	...	...	...	...
89½	16	Resort Hotels	32½	...	3.4	14.2	4.1
750	430	Savoy Hotel 'A'	718	...	7.0	1.3	...
40	28	Simpsons Crn♦	36	...	...	...	...
44	23	Stakis	44	...	0.9	...	...

INDUSTRIALS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	135	AAF Inds	186	...	...	5.4	9.8
615	460	AAH	615	+8	16.3	3.5	19.5
208	122	ADM	167	...	6.5	5.3	11.8
136	70	APV	116	+3	5.4	6.2	20.9
165	80	ASW	97	+3	9.0	...	18.4
139	86	Adwest	133	+2	7.0	7.0	18.9
33	5	Aerospace Eng	11½	...	1.0	11.6	7.0
460	253	Airsprung	459	-1	7.5	2.2	12.7
115	38	Alenda W	115	...	3.6	4.2	62.2
22	12	Allied Radio	12½	-½	...	...	...
443	358	Alumasc	433	...	11.0	3.4	13.2
62	9	Alvis	18 †	...	1.0	7.4	-
400	308	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.9	10.3
33	13	Amberley Gp♦	20	...	...	6.7	...
160	125	Andrews Sykes	140 †	+1	4.4	4.2	79.9
708	503	Antofagasta	705	...	...	2.7	17.2
41½	29½	Armour	37	...	1.4	5.4	10.9
168	123	Ash & Lacy	150	...	6.4	5.7	12.4
7½	1½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	0.0	2.2	...
487	300	Avon Rubber	455	...	16.5	4.8	-
175	103	Assoc Nursgs♦	175	...	...	...	6.7
860	445	Atlas Equip♦	610	...	...	4.6	12.6
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	36	...	...	...	...
170	107	BBA	165	-½	7.5	6.1	21.2
53	24	BLP Groupe♦	28	...	...	...	...
417	56	BM Gp	76	...	5.0	8.8	3.2
774	583	BOC	749	-11	23.2	4.1	16.4
73½	51½	BSG	72½	-½	3.2	5.9	19.6
408	296	BSS Group	398	+7	...	5.8	15.9
561	381	BTR	549	-3	16.5	4.0	19.3
205	115	BWI	205	...	6.7	4.4	22.6
70	26½	Babcock	38	-½	3.1	...	7.9
7½	3½	Bailey (CH)	4½	+½	...	...	...
266	193	Baird (Wm)	253	+7	8.9	4.7	14.3
1037½	550	Barlow Rand	600	+18½	...	6.3	3.1
45	7	Barrett (H)	7 #	...	2.0	...	16.2
62	37	Baynes (Charles)	31	-1	1.3	9.5	16.3
35	11	Beauford	11	...	1.8	...	...
18	5	Beckenham♦	8	...	...	8.3	...
31	10	Bedford (W)♦	20	+2	...	...	...
25½	13	Benson Group	21½	-½	0.1	0.6	20.1
623	444	Bespak	622	...	9.0	1.9	19.3
181	109	Bibby (J)	120	-3	9.7	11.5	6.6
146	84	Billam (J)	146	+3	4.3	3.9	6.7
55	28	Bilston Bursa♦	31	...	...	...	18.4
77½	3½	Bimec Ind	11½	+½	0.6	...	...
38	20	Black Arrow	32	...	2.1	8.8	7.6
1¼	¼	Black & Edgtn♦	¼	...	...	...	...
153	103	Black (Peter)	153	...	3.9	2.6	18.6
140	32	Bluebird Toys♦	140	+1	...	...	...
500	361	Bodycote	500	+5	9.2	2.5	17.6
571	398	Boots	509	-26	12.4	3.2	19.1
84	40	Booth Inds	58	...	3.2	7.4	6.0
508	312½	Bowater	466	-10	...	3.1	21.3
1637	905	Bowater Inc	1538 †	-10	...	...	...
203	126	Boxmore Ind♦	203	+2	...	2.3	19.6
20	13	Brasway	15½	...	0.5	5.0	20.0
274	186	Brammer	220	+3	13.0	7.9	15.1
33	11	Bridgend Gp	13	...	1.2	...	5.9
103	34	Bridon	82	+13	4.0	...	...
82	38	Bridport-Gndry	55	...	4.1	9.9	10.3
36	23	Brierley Inv	34	...	...	8.8	8.9
543	308	Br Bldg & Eng	308	...	...	...	...
47	38	Br Bloodstock♦	42	...	...	...	...
475	348	Br Polythene	453	+3	9.0	2.6	13.8
86	43½	Br Steel	61½	-1	...	2.2	58.3
100	88	Br Syphon	100	...	3.0	4.0	28.0
13	9	Br Thornton	11½	...	...	2.0	...
284	212	Br Vita	250	+1	...	3.8	16.5
7	5½	Britton Grp	7	+½	...	...	...
625	429	Broken Hill	563	-11	...	3.2	26.7
129½	67	Bromsgrve Ind	81 †	+2	4.0	6.6	11.2
15	3	Brooke Tool	7½	...	0.2	...	...
83	38	Brown & Tawse	55	...	4.7	...	...
174	63	Bullough	97	+1	6.0	8.3	9.5
37	13	Business Tech♦	19	...	...	...	22.9
35	12	CI Group	19	...	2.0	14.4	7.8
66	14	Campbell & Arm	17	...	2.0	...	...
30	2	Cannon St	11½	+½	3.3	...	...
238	161	Cape	228	+8	10.5	6.1	14.5
179	130	Carclo Eng	179	...	7.8	5.8	15.4
2255	1675	Carnaud Mtl	2150	...	...	4.2	6.7
80	55	Cassidy Bros♦	78	...	...	4.1	8.6
195	118	Castings	163	+1	4.0	3.3	11.6
140	90	Chambrlin Hill	113	...	6.0	7.1	6.8
658	467	Charter Cons	654	-1	21.5	4.4	15.7
933	703	Chemring	933 †	+35	32.6	4.7	14.0
120	90	Chieftain Gp♦	90	...	...	7.3	10.0
39	18	Chillington	27	...	0.5	2.5	...
170	90	Christies Int	147	...	3.3	...	...
53	23	Clayhithe	43	+3	2.5	7.8	...
140	80	Clayton Son	80	...	3.0	5.0	...
7	1½	Co Designers♦	7 †	...	0.2	...	...
400	255	Cohen (A)	400	...	10.0	...	...
247	188	Community H	223	...	6.5	3.9	13.9
395	252	Concentric	393	+12	11.1	3.8	-
335	88	Cook (Wm)	127	...	10.0	...	8.5
203	103	Cookson	200	+5	6.0	4.0	27.8
60	35	Copymore♦	43	...	...	8.4	8.4
240	176	Crowll Plr 'A'	237	...	5.7	3.2	17.9
178	118	Cosalt	168	-3	10.7	8.5	25.6
250	180	Creighton Nt♦	220 †	...	...	4.2	15.9
30	20	CrestaCare	27	...	0.7	3.5	17.4
3187½	1456½	Dana	3187½	+37½	...	...	...
394	168	Danka Bs Sys	394	+16	3.7	1.3	12.1
11	5	Davies (DY)♦	7	...	...	...	...
681	474	De La Rue	667	+9	15.0	3.0	20.4
23	10	Dinkle Heel	17	+1	0.9	7.5	8.1
412	263	Diploma	408	-2	9.7	3.2	21.2
88	43	Dobson Park	53	...	5.7	14.5	...
104	90	Dyson (J&J)	92	...	5.0	7.2	13.2
66	54	-do- 'A'	58	...	5.0	11.5	8.3
16	8	EFG♦	9	...	...	...	...
428	355	EIS	428	+19	11.7	3.6	15.0
29	12	EIT Gp♦	14	-1	...	...	...
23	16	Elbief	21	...	...	...	...
57	28	Elco	43	...	3.3	10.2	25.3
2700	1550	Electrolux 'B'	2187½	-34½	...	5.5	27.8
480	45	Elliott (B)	45	...	...	...	...
603	330	Eng China Cl	478	+10	20.0	5.6	16.5
1825	900	Ericsson 'B'	1612½	-37½	...	2.0	50.2
91	56	Erskine Hse	66	+1	6.6	13.4	6.9
101	29	Eurocopy	34½	+½	1.6	6.3	-
158	29	Expamet	51	...	10.3	...	6.1
529	302	Fairey Group	529	+2	9.0	2.3	17.6
108	61	Fenner	88	...	4.2	6.4	16.6
37	18	Ferraris Group♦	33	...	...	4.0	7.5
1½	¼	Ferrometal♦	1	+½	...	...	...
51	19	Ferrum	27	...	2.5	12.3	7.3
81	35	Fife Indmar	35	...	4.9	...	4.7
403	143	Fisons	249½	+4½	8.7	4.7	17.9
61	28	Fitzwilton	33	...	...	14.5	...
250	200	Flogas	215	...	...	4.9	8.4
56	39	Folkes Group nv	40	...	2.3	7.6	8.1
73	42	French (Thmas)	60	...	3.6	8.1	20.4
560	288	Frost Group	560	+40	2.0	0.5	36.1
115	63	GEI Intl	74	...	7.3	13.2	15.2
470	281	GKN	470	+3	20.5	5.8	30.1
93	40	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	6.3	...
130	84	Garton Eng	84	...	7.0	...	...
162	93	Gestetner	155	...	8.2	7.4	-
58	21	Gieves	36	...	...	...	26.0
943	632	Glaxo	732	-5	17.0	3.1	22.1
20	14	Glenchewton	16	...	...	...	...
282	183	Glynwed	255	-4	11.6	6.1	25.1
90	63	Goode Durrant	68	+1	5.4	10.6	11.9
199	79	Grampian Hd	123	+1	5.5	6.0	15.9
370	192	Granada	362 †	...	...	2.8	19.5
305	245	Great Sthrn♦	305	+2	...	4.4	13.1
125	75	Green (Ernst)♦	80	...	...	11.7	11.0
11	6	Greenacre♦	9½	+½	...	3.6	9.9
20	6	Guardian Grp♦	8	...	...	...	...
125½	23	Haden Maclln	41	...	8.0	...	6.5
80	43	Hadleigh Inds♦	44	-1	...	3.8	...
169	97	Hall Eng	124	...	8.6	9.3	11.1
12	3	Halls Homes♦	3½ #	...	...	...	...
235	148	Halma	230 †	-1	2.2	1.3	28.5
55	29	Hampson Ind	48	-1	2.3	6.6	13.3
244½	184½	Hanson	237½	-2	11.0	6.2	12.1
227	138	Harris (Philip)	220	...	6.2	3.8	15.3
163	104	Harrison Crsfld	159	-3	9.0	7.5	27.4
99	32	Havelock Euro	42	...	1.5	...	...
4½	1	Hawthorn Leis♦	3½	...	...	...	...
41	17	Hay (Norman)	24	+1	1.1	...	...
28	15	Headway	17	...	0.7	5.5	9.0
437	211	Hepworth	316	-1	14.8	6.3	12.6
164	116	Hewitt (J)	161	...	2.5	2.1	12.4
283	31	High-Point	32	...	1.3	5.4	...
147	89	Hill & Smith	127	...	...	5.7	14.2
10	3	Hobson♦	10	...	...	...	...
100	60	Holders Tech♦	92	...	...	8.9	12.4
80	24	Hopkinsons	32	...	3.7	...	9.3
232	165	Hornby♦	165	-1	...	7.3	12.9
33	6½	Hospital Crp	7½	...	...	13.8	2.1
72½	32	Howden	68	+4	2.0	3.9	11.7
201	149	Hunting	186	+3	10.0	7.2	14.5
918	285	Huntlgh Tec♦	880	...	...	0.7	32.5
306	210	IMI	278	-4	10.0	4.8	19.2
94	49	ISA Intl	94	+1	1.3	1.9	18.2
205	127	Intercare Gp♦	194	-1	...	1.4	25.6
266	175	Isotron	240	+1	3.9	2.2	16.4
386	259	Jardine Math	377	+17	...	2.8	11.9
537	377	Johnson Math	535	-1	9.6	2.4	22.2
73	44½	Johnson & FB	58	+½	3.0	6.9	17.9
207	117	Johnston	135	...	9.0	...	63.6
62	14	Jones Shipman	20	...	...	...	...
35	23	Jourdan (T)	23	...	1.5	8.7	...
49	26	Kalamazoo	29½	...	...	...	24.3
116½	78	Kalon	116½	+½	3.2	3.7	18.8
498	283	Kelsey Ind	294 †	+2	13.0	5.9	-
550	450	Kershaw (A)	470	+5	27.0	7.7	24.4
107	44	Kleen-Eze	107	+13	...	...	...
66	30	LGW♦	66	...	...	2.3	22.9
343	229	Laird	302	+4	...	4.5	14.6
136	65	Lee (Arthur)	133	+10	5.9	5.9	66.5
118½	86	Lilleshall	114	...	4.0	4.7	12.1
102	71	Lincat♦	99	+2	...	6.9	14.1
6½	3	Lincoln Hse♦	6	+½	...	...	...
100	61	Linread	90	...	3.5	...	12.7
193	120	Linton Park	180	+2	13.0	9.6	31.6
36	10½	Lionheart	14½	+½	0.3	2.8	15.0
18	10	Locker (T) A	17	+½	1.0	7.8	53.5
316	157½	Lon Intl	261	-1	9.4	4.9	17.5
180	57	Lonrho	74	-1	...	7.2	...
314	218	Low & Bonar	298	+3	9.1	4.1	10.4
323	200	MB-Caradon	308	-6	8.5	3.7	24.1
159	108½	-do- pf	153½	-1½	7.2	6.3	...
54	13	ML Hdgs	18	...	1.8	...	14.1
39	19	MS Intl	27 †	...	2.5	12.3	37.8
46	31	MT Holdings	46 †	+1	...	2.9	14.0
261	171	Macfarlane	260	...	4.2	2.2	24.6
399	270	McKechnie	394	-5	14.7	5.0	20.5
119	72	McLeod Russel	105	...	6.0	7.6	12.8
12½	6½	Maddox	7½	...	...	...	...
93	33	Magnolia	66	...	5.4	...	46.2
98	66	Mang Bronze	77	+2	1.0	1.7	...
74½	15	Marling	26	-½	0.3	...	...
132	87	Mayborn♦	132	...	...	4.2	11.3
39	29	Mayflower	37	...	...	1.4	18.3
301	150	Medeva	205	...	1.5	1.0	20.3
108	66	Meggitt	97	+3	3.6	4.9	14.5
163	90	Metair	120	...	...	3.9	15.8
137	68	Metoc♦	75	...	...	6.7	...
51	27	Midstates	29	...	...	13.8	4.7
22½	15	Mining & Ald	16	...	0.5	4.3	...
382	285	Molins	370	...	12.7	4.6	9.9
345	229	Morgan Cble	335	+8	12.6	5.0	16.4
145	79	Morris Ashby♦	145	...	...	4.4	12.5
31	14	Neepsend	30	+2	1.5	...	...
75	35	Nestor-BNA	35	...	3.1	12.0	5.7
124	68	Nobo Gp	122	...	3.5	3.8	14.9
164	62	Norcros	132 †	-1	7.0	7.1	22.6
81	26	Novo Group	35	...	...	1.1	...
485	310	Nu-Swift	328	...	...	8.1	9.1
43	31	Office Elec Mac	37	...	0.1	0.4	...
49	10	OMI Intl	27½	-½	1.7	8.5	...
155	136	PCT♦	140	...	...	6.7	12.7
51	48	Pacer Systems♦	48	...	...	7.6	...
147	94	Pentland	127	-2	2.2	2.4	18.2
352	260	Photo-Me	335	...	4.4	1.8	17.1
169	67	Pilkington	110	-1	6.0	7.3	40.0
34	21	Plasmon	21	-1	...	...	...
78	39	Planesbrook	78	+5	...	5.1	11.4
147	93	Polypipe	134	-1	1.9	2.0	20.0
498	335	Portals	498	+2	13.8	3.7	16.2
65	18	Porter Chadbrn	30	+2	2.5	11.4	7.2
14	1½	Posth Gp♦	5½	...	...	...	...
327	204	Powerscreen	325	...	6.0	2.5	18.4
31	14½	Prospect Inds	19½	+½	0.7	5.1	9.9
49	16½	RFS Group♦	35	...	...	...	11.6
100	70	Radiant Metal	75	...	...	...	...
92	31	Ranson Oil♦	88	+2	...	3.0	62.8
772	444	Rank Org	716	+12	31.0	5.8	20.1
39	6	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
700	523	Reckitt Colm	663	+15	15.1	3.1	15.4
100	40	Record	56	+1	3.6	8.6	10.8
9½	2½	Rente	2½	...	...	...	8.7
169	105	Relyon	134	...	4.9	4.9	17.4
313	248	Renishaw	297	...	6.5	2.9	22.7
68	44	Renold	59	+2	1.0	2.3	...
1438	982	Reuters	1402	-7	17.0	1.6	25.1
37	22½	Rexmore	27	+1½	1.7	8.6	6.6
101	58	Ricardo Intl	99	-1	5.7	7.7	25.4
81	50	Richard (Leics)	58	...	4.4	10.1	5.8
69	47	Richardson West	67	...	2.9	5.8	16.1
130	97	Ropner	109	-10	8.2	10.1	7.8
122	95	-do- 'A'	100	-10	8.2	11.0	7.2
47½	22	Ross Gp	36	+7	0.4	1.7	19.8
402	258	Rotork	400	+1	10.0	3.3	18.5
132	85	Rubicon	127	+4	...	...	...
100	57	Russell (A)	64	...	2.1	4.5	33.8
20	14	SEP Ind♦	18 †	...	...	4.9	-
1200	612½	SKF 'B'	687½	-12½	...	5.7	...
14	3	Sale Tilney	4 #	...	...	...	...
272	167	Sanderson Elec	254 †	+3	9.0	4.7	10.8
56	32	Savage♦	40	...	...	0.8	52.7
41	29	Saville Grdn (J)	41	...	2.2	7.2	17.1
232	158	Scapa	232	+1	5.3	3.1	18.9
245	188	Scholl	222	+2	6.0	3.6	16.0
17	2½	Scot Heritable	4	...	...	...	...
945	648	Securicor	945	...	2.3	0.3	43.4
652	469	-do- 'A'	634	...	2.3	0.5	29.1
535	367	Security Serv	535	...	4.4	1.1	34.8
89	58½	Senior Eng	89	+3	3.1	4.7	14.7
325	253½	Seton Health	325	+5	...	2.1	20.8
72	48	Sheldon Jones♦	48	...	...	...	...
146	83	Shiloh	96	-1	2.7	3.8	26.0
333	223	Sidlaw	333	...	10.0	4.0	15.5
455	255½	Siebe	451	-3	...	2.7	18.8
248	188	Silentnight	228	+2	8.0	4.7	12.6
121	68	Sime Darby	108	-2	...	4.1	13.3
304	69	Simon Eng	119	-6	15.7	17.6	15.7
290	196	Sinclair (Wm)	241	+4	7.0	3.9	15.5
53	27	Six Hundred	47	...	2.5	7.1	...
171	127	Smith & Neph	160	...	4.4	3.7	20.1
566	396½	Smithkline	468	-½	7.7	2.2	19.0
503	353	Smithkline Uts	409	...	...	2.4	16.6
394	255	Smiths Ind	380	-13	11.2	3.9	15.5
121	76	Stim Bus	114	+2	2.9	3.4	10.3
350	265	Spandex♦	267	...	...	3.0	13.5
370	230	Spear (JW)	310	...	10.0	4.3	9.6
325	231	Spirax-Sarco	324	...	9.0	3.7	19.4
181	87½	Spring Ram	123	-2	0.2	0.3	16.2
48	21	Star Comp	47 #	...	...	...	27.0
270	158	Staveley	261	-6	8.2	4.2	14.9
131	102	Sterling Ind	130 †	...	5.6	5.7	16.3
14½	9	Stonehill	11 #	...	...	...	...
145	73	Suter	108	+4	8.8	10.9	9.6
319	160	Swire Pacfc 'A'	253	+9	...	3.0	18.5
19	5	Sycamore	7	...	...	...	-
300	232	Syltone	250	...	9.4	5.0	11.5
177	98	T&N	173	-3	10.8	8.4	32.7
372	251	TI	308	-10	10.2	4.4	16.6
23	10	TLS Range♦	17	+1	...	3.9	...
247	167	TT Group	247	+6½	...	3.2	16.0
231	170	Tabare	230	...	1.5	0.9	22.8
712	405	Takeda Chem	648	-64	...	0.7	17.2
44½	19	Tex Hldgs	28	+4	...	...	...
74	53	Tinsley (El)♦	74 †	...	...	9.4	8.6
170	85	Tiaon♦	158	+6	...	3.2	-
269	195	Tomkins	257	-2	...	3.3	18.1
165	39	Trafalgar H	80	-½	6.0	9.0	6.0
161	36	-do- 'A'	86	-1	...	...	...
514½	267½	Transfer Tech	392	+20	...	4.4	10.8
175	133	Triplex Lloyd	173 †	-1	7.0	5.4	15.2
246	165	UniChem	246	+2	5.0	2.7	18.2
320	250	Unidare	290	...	...	7.5	10.2
24	8½	Unigroup	13	...	...	...	...
1129	866	Unilever	1089	+3	18.9	2.3	16.8
7100	5375	Unilever (NV)	6700	-50	...	3.1	10.9
548	265	VSEL	515	-3	25.0	6.5	5.9
15	2½	Verson	7	...	...	...	...
188	60	Vickers	122	...	6.0	...	22.6
409	260	Victaulic	364	+17	...	2.7	17.3
289	231	Vinten	286	-1	6.6	3.1	15.5
449	240	Vosper Thorny	449	...	13.1	3.9	10.8
41	36½	WSP Hldgs	41	...	2.9	0.7	7.1
468	340	Wagon Ind	459 †	+3	...	4.9	17.8
78	45	Walker Greenbk	76	...	3.1	5.4	18.1
217	110	Wassall	210	+1	...	1.6	40.3
34	15	Wtrford Wdgwd	24	...	...	...	...
636	435	Weir	627	-3	10.5	2.2	18.2
1174	777	Wellcome	934	-10	13.0	1.9	25.8
39	23½	Wellman	23½	...	2.2	...	8.8
480	390	Whatman	480	...	8.7	2.4	17.3
339	207	Whessoe	279	+2	8.0	3.8	10.5
34	5	Wheway	7	-½	1.0	19.0	...
143	15	Whitecroft	31	...	4.0	...	4.1
12	3	Widney	5½	+½	...	...	...
197	52	Wilkes (James)	52	-5	10.0	...	2.9
379	222	Williams Hldg	353	+8	12.3	4.7	17.9
20	8½	Wilshaw	20	+1½	0.4	2.7	16.6
551	287	Wolseley	551	+6	12.5	3.0	21.1
150	100	Wood (Arthur)	150	...	4.1	3.6	16.2
80	37	Wyko	45	...	2.8	8.3	20.5
70	38	Young (H)	41	...	3.0	9.8	-

INSURANCE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1775	1025	Alex & Alex	1680	-12½	...	3.8	...
3812½	2250	Am Gen	3687½	+50	...	3.6	...
66	27	Archer (AJ)	39	...	4.4	15.9	17.9
168	83	Bradstock	136	+2	5.1	5.1	...
1110	762	Britannic	1110	+2	29.5	3.5	...
641	402	Com Union	634	-2	23.6	5.0	...
1225	900	Dom & Gen	1225	...	...	2.0	20.2
31	18	FAI	20	+1	...	...	...
605	356	Gen Accident	574	-2	26.7	6.2	...
188	108	GRE	173	+3	7.0	...	...
477	212	Heath C E	352	+1	16.0	6.1	20.7
188	104	Hogg Gp	173	+1	8.1	6.3	10.5
308	102	JIB Group	178	...	...	5.6	13.1
438	287	Legal & Gen	436	-1	18.8	5.7	...
827	557	Liberty Life	827	...	...	5.3	20.1
447	295	Lloyds Abbey	433	-2	17.3	5.3	14.5
261	160	Lloyd Thomp	260	+1	3.6	2.9	19.1
296	203	Londn & Man	280	-5	13.5	6.2	22.3
354	224	Lowndes Lmb	344	+21	12.6	4.9	13.7
6187½	3931½	Marsh McLn	5862½	+18½	...	2.9	...
154	94	Ordel	95	...	...	7.0	7.0
81	30	PWS	55	...	4.0	9.7	11.2
309	199	Prudential	295	-1	11.0	5.0	25.6
810	564	Refuge	810	...	29.0	4.8	36.3
294	118	Royal	291	...	11.2	...	...
240	100	Sedgwick	175	...	6.0	4.6	18.8
321	162	Steel Burrill	234	-1	13.2	7.9	14.2
232	53	Sturge Hldgs	83	-2	8.2	14.2	-
358	214	Sun Alliance	358	+5	14.2	5.3	...
59	20	Trade Indemnty	54	-1	...	...	...
246	165	Transatlantic	246	+2	...	6.5	17.2
505	305	Utd Friendly	499	...	12.3	3.3	25.3
274	144	Willis Corroon	195	-4	13.2	9.0	21.9
21	14	Windsor	16	...	...	...	56.8

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1578	1218	Alliance	1564	-1	43.0	3.7	36.1
234	152	Amer Trust	230	-½	4.8	2.8	48.7
316	239	Ang & O'seas	308	-2	6.4	2.8	46.1
127	98½	BZW Conv	127	+1	7.8	8.2	14.9
138	104	Bankers	136	...	3.4	3.4	-
268	210	Baring Tribne	267	...	6.2	3.1	42.9
172	116	Berry Starq	131	...	2.0	2.0	44.3
100	71½	Br Assets	98½	-½	4.1	5.7	24.1
59	46½	Br Empire Sec	57½	...	0.8	2.1	58.4
17	8½	-do- Wnts	14	...	...	...	...
159½	123	Br Inv	157	...	4.5	3.8	39.4
1540	1200	City & Comm	1520	-5	...	...	...
166	125	Contl Asset	131	...	1.2	1.3	68.4
230	165	Derby Inc	191	...	18.4	...	10.4
200	140	-do- Cap	196	...	...	...	...
100	65	Drayton Asia	100	+6	0.7	0.9	...
96	59	-do- Blue Chip	64	...	8.4	18.3	6.9
53	26	-do- Eng Ind	39	...	1.2	4.1	57.2
99	61	-do- Far East	90	+3	0.6	0.9	...
100	56	-do- Korea	99	-1	...	...	...
602	473	Dunedin Inc G	580	-2	25.4	5.8	23.0
522	407	-do- Wwde	517	-1	9.5	2.5	53.3
278	203	Dundee & Lon	231	...	12.0	6.9	21.3
61	36	EFM Inc Tst	48 †	...	4.8	13.5	8.6
52	40½	-do- Div Pf	51½	-½	...	...	...
262	199	Edinburgh	252	-2	8.0	4.3	30.8
149	107	Electric Gen	145 †	...	3.1	2.9	46.1
85	68	English Scot	85	...	...	...	...
224	186	European Asset	207	...	...	3.4	28.4
104	68	Finsbury 'A'	90	+4	3.0	4.4	29.0
262	162	Fleming Amer	254	-1	1.2	0.7	...
385	302	-do- Claver	383	...	10.5	3.7	37.8
230	173	Do Contl	214	...	2.8	1.7	...
162	119	-do- Entp	151	+1	4.5	4.0	33.9
222	157	-do- F East	217	+3	1.5	0.9	...
271	198	-do- Fledg	254	+1	3.0	1.6	...
111	81	-do- Hi Inc	111	+1	5.8	7.0	18.9
164	100	-do- Japan	138	...	0.3	0.3	...
260	193½	-do- Merc	253½	-½	6.7	3.5	36.3
234	165½	-do- Oseas	214	-2	4.0	2.5	51.1
212	150	Foreign & Col	205½	...	...	2.2	60.7
173	144	-do- Eurotst	164½	-½	1.2	1.0	...
100	71	-do- German	88	...	0.4	0.6	...
196	154	-do- Pacific	193	...	1.7	1.2	...
117½	79	-do- Smaller	117 †	...	...	2.1	59.4
205	121	GT Japan	140	...	...	1.0	...
104	48	Genl Cons Cap	73	+1	...	...	...
123	96	-do- Inc	114	+1	...	11.0	10.6
128	63	Govett Am Smlr	125	...	...	...	...
189	128	-do- Oriental	188½	+1	0.9	0.6	...
218	150	-do- Strategy	213	-1	6.7	4.2	29.4
347	265	Greenfriar	346	...	6.1	2.4	-
38	¼	Gresham House	10	...	...	...	...
52	31	Independent Inv	49½	...	0.5	1.3	78.4
129	95	Inv Cap	128	...	5.1	5.3	25.7
95	67	IBS UK Smllr	81	+4	2.0	3.3	20.0
161	128	Kleinwort Chn	158½	-½	5.0	4.3	-
184	134½	-do- O'seas	177	-1½	3.2	2.4	53.3
121	85	-do- Smlr	110	...	...	4.8	21.7
553	433	Law Debenture	546	-3	...	4.2	28.7
166	135½	Majedie	165	...	...	3.8	31.9
235	176	Merchants	228	...	...	6.2	21.0
4062½	2437½	Merrill Lynch	3887½	+100	...	...	...
394	206	Mmks Inv Tst	390	-1	6.7	2.3	52.5
109	81	Morg Gren Inc	107	...	...	5.7	-
24	13	Do Warrants	24	...	...	...	...
46	33	Murray Euro	39	...	0.4	1.6	...
10	4½	Do Wts	5	...	...	...	...
292	223	Murray Income	286	...	...	3.0	27.2
279	215	-do- Intl	269 †	...	...	5.7	23.8
266	213	-do- Small	266	...	4.0	2.0	57.6
109	80	-do- S/C Inc	98	...	...	14.4	-
80	54	-do- S/C Cap	75	...	...	...	...
2750	2250	-do- S/C Uts	2750	...	...	5.1	-
146	113½	-do- S/C DP	144½	...	...	...	...
254	189	-do- Vent	239	...	10.3	5.7	18.9
60	44½	New Frontier	58	+1	0.2	0.6	79.1
103	61	Nthstrg Inc	71 †	-2	6.7	12.7	10.0
259	187	O'seas Inv Tst	252½	-1½	2.8	1.5	72.1
303	173	Pacific Assets	292	+3	1.0	0.5	...
309½	80	Do Warrants	193	+4	...	...	...
82	57	Personal Assets	78½	-½	1.6	2.7	46.9
114	82	RIT Cap Ptnr	104	...	1.1	1.5	47.1
118	96	River & Merc	118	...	...	10.4	...
352	273	Robeco	350	-1	...	3.7	...
350	268	Rolinco	346	-4	...	2.3	...
234	194	St Andrew Inv	220	...	7.5	4.6	30.9
136	108	Scot American	134	-½	...	4.3	30.8
813	429	Scott Asian	698	+17	...	...	...
67	49	-do- Eastern	65½	-½	1.4	2.9	46.3
188	147	Scottish	185½	...	4.6	3.3	-
184½	135	-do- Mrgc	183	+½	3.9	2.8	43.1
72½	48	-do- Value	71	...	...	3.4	52.2
1433	1066	Second Allnce	1404	-6	36.5	3.5	37.7
77½	61	Secs Tst of Scot	79½	-½	3.2	5.1	25.2
114	78½	Selective Asset	114	...	0.8	1.0	...
20	9½	Sphere Inv	14	...	...	29.5	4.0
116	76	TR Far East	116	+1	4.5	5.2	25.5
131½	97½	TR Cty Of Lon	128½	-2	4.7	5.0	26.7
114	70	TR Pacific	115	+2	...	0.3	...
27	14½	TR Property	17½	...	1.4	...	52.2
49	18	TR Tech Inv	48	...	1.7	4.9	23.8
152	96	TR Smlr Cos	147	+1	3.7	3.4	43.0
286	226	Temple Bar	290	-1	...	6.0	20.4
73	51	Thrmn Asian E	71	-1	0.5	0.0	...
63	39	Throgmorton	57	-½	2.3	5.4	22.2
388	268	Throg Dual Cp	375	-5	...	...	...
181	137	USDC Invest	181	...	4.2	3.1	34.6
77½	58½	Value Inc Tst	77	...	...	6.2	20.3
627	483	Whitbread Inv	593	-1	15.0	3.4	39.3
186	139	Witan	183½	...	...	4.0	32.4

LEISURE

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66½	2	Airbreak Leis	3½	...	...	...	0.7
337	172	Airtours	288 †	-3	7.2	3.4	-
90	18	Ald Leis	46	...	4.7	13.8	10.0
243	145	Anglia TV	208	+4	...	5.1	18.8
217	135	Barr & W 'A'	197	...	10.0	6.8	9.8
1090	795	Boosey Hwks	970	...	20.0	2.7	15.6
113	70	Border TV♦	102	...	...	3.6	13.2
19½	4	Brent Walker	5½	+1	...	...	...
15	2½	Buckingham Int	4½	...	2.1	...	1.1
448	200	Campari	278	...	...	5.3	7.6
226	126	Capital Radio	180	...	5.3	3.9	21.0
801	468	Carlton Comm	800	+5	...	2.0	23.1
223	120	Castle Comm♦	170	+2	...	6.7	19.2
1675	1050	Central TV	1675	+17	30.5	2.4	21.5
88	49	Chrysalis	76	...	...	...	...
545	405	Compass Gp	544	...	12.3	3.1	15.2
350	273	Eurocamp	346	-4	...	3.3	19.0
1693	673	Euro Disney	765	-52	...	1.6	...
10	1	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	6.8
36	11	Ex-Lands	22	+2	...	...	...
10½	1	Expedier♦	1½	...	...	...	...
448	110	Fairline Boats	260	+1	10.5	5.5	...
355	239	First Leisure	327	-3	5.7	2.3	22.2
338	250	GWR Gp♦	298	...	...	3.2	-
170	91	Grampian	153	...	5.5	4.8	10.8
8	5	Greenwich Comm♦	5½	...	...	...	...
92	13	HTV Group	20	...	3.7	...	...
208	30	Hi-Tec Sports	30	...	5.5	...	1.9
18½	2½	Kunick	5½	...	1.4	...	12.1
297	220	LWT CP	284	+2	5.9	2.8	13.8
339	260	Man Utd	339	...	18.0	7.1	11.7
123	44½	Owners Abrd	119	-3	3.5	4.0	-
35	19	The Pelican Gp	35	+½	...	3.8	12.0
64	50	Prism Leisure♦	55	...	...	6.9	7.0
61	19	Quadrant Grp	20	...	4.0	...	3.0
319	274	Radio Clyde♦	314	...	...	3.6	-
177	125	Ramsdens (H)	144	-1	...	4.2	21.2
441	202½	Scot TV	441	+1	...	2.4	28.4
66	40	Southern Radio	50	...	0.7	2.1	30.8
191	125	Stanley Leisure	176	...	...	3.2	14.5
13	4	Sunleigh ♦	5½	...	...	...	...
195	135	Sunset & Vine	140	...	3.5	3.3	15.1
53	27	TSW	29 #	...	...	22.7	3.7
33	3½	TVS	33	+2	...	...	2.8
383	136	Tanjong	383	...	...	...	72.1
200	134	Thames TV	159	...	7.5	6.3	4.5
118	75	Tottenhm Hot	86	...	...	...	4.2
75	38	Trans World♦	53	...	...	...	...
10	2	Trillion♦	3 #	...	...	...	...
277	154	Ulster TV	277	...	7.5	3.6	19.2
50	16	Wembley	20½	+1	1.8	...	...
18½	4½	Whitegate	12	+2	...	16.7	4.0
191½	110	Yorkshire TV	115	...	12.0	13.9	4.1
136	80	Zetters Gp	84	...	8.0	12.7	8.4

MINING

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4112½	1800	Am Gold	1987½	+12½	...	11.2	8.9
2237½	1000	Ang Am Coal	1050	+25	...	9.7	4.5
2225	1012½	Ang Am	1275	+112½	...	6.0	7.9
13½	7½	Anglo Pac Res♦	9½	+½	...	...	...
110	33	Blyvoors	36	-3	...	19.5	1.7
25	11	Bracken	21	...	...	...	1.1
566	208	Buffels	244	-7	...	17.1	5.7
4½	1½	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
631	437	CRA	557	-12	...	3.2	-
38	9	Cluff Res	16½	-1	1.0	8.1	24.6
1662½	581½	De Beers	862½	+34½	...	...	7.0
125	38	Deelkraal	38	...	...	17.7	1.9
46	8½	Doornfontein	10	...	...	...	...
759	388	Driefontein	395	-6	...	9.4	6.5
375	120	Durban	122	...	...	...	...
121	39	E Rand Gold	47	...	...	25.0	1.3
154	69	E Dagga	72	+1	...	...	5.3
168	57	E Rand Prop	57	...	...	...	...
470	120	Elandsrand	136	...	...	5.8	4.2
535	272	FS Cons	305	-3	...	17.9	3.0
33	7	FS Dev	8	-1	...	...	...
1491	606	GFSA	800	-6	...	5.6	11.3
5	4½	Geevor Tin	4 #	...	...	...	...
222	121	Gencor	135	+4	...	7.3	10.5
42½	29½	GM Kalgoorli	37½	...	...	3.7	9.2
11	2	Greenwich R 'A'	5½	...	...	...	...
89	44	Grootvlei	51	...	...	...	2.1
368	81	Harmony	81	...	...	...	...
281½	89	Hartlies	91	-3	...	...	3.1
10	5	Inoco♦	9	-1	...	...	...
820	486	Impala Plat	520	...	...	7.4	10.5
8	2½	Kenmare Res♦	7½	-½	...	...	...
796	292	Kinross	342	+10	...	16.7	3.3
624	293	Kloof	326	-6	...	6.1	5.0
60	21½	Leslie	25	...	...	19.4	2.2
71	12	Loraine	13	...	...	...	...
128	90½	MIM	102½	-4	...	2.2	46.9
864	599	Minorco	844	+1	...	4.1	10.8
111	66	Nth Brkn Hill	93	-2½	...	5.3	-
1201	598	Orange Free	635	-14	...	22.6	4.9
688	469	RTZ	673	-7	19.5	3.9	20.3
1287½	375	Rand Mines	425	...	...	15.3	1.8
230	75	Rand Mln Prp	85	...	...	22.0	3.7
334	136	Randfontein	159	+1	...	13.2	2.1
221	106	Renison	124	+3	...	3.6	12.1
1312½	812½	Rustnbrg	937½	-9½	...	5.5	13.0
410	183	St Helena	191	-8	...	23.0	2.6
1287½	475	Southvaal	500	...	...	11.4	8.6
60	17½	Stilfontein	20	+1	...	...	...
183	43	Unisel	59	+1	...	5.7	5.2
4000	1500	Vaal Reefs	1850	-21½	...	12.8	3.0
324	154	Welkom	155	-7	...	24.1	4.2
99½	26½	Western Areas	31	+1	...	...	...
2375	587½	Western Deep	625	...	...	...	2.0
225	164	Wstrn Mining	181½	-4½	...	2.7	...
630	256	Winkels	342	...	...	3.3	2.5
66	16	Zambia Copper	58	-5	...	...	...
45	19	Zandpan	19	...	...	...	5.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	90	Airflow Stream	105	+2	0.1	0.1	15.8
123	56	Appleyard	96	+1	7.8	10.8	70.9
210	130	Blenchley Mtr	210	...	8.2	7.3	11.8
145	115	Bostrom	125	...	6.0	6.4	34.0
379	100	Br Aerospace	190	-4	25.0	...	4.0
378	303	Caffyns	328	...	11.5	4.7	43.7
139	95	Central Mtrs♦	103	-5	...	5.2	13.9
48	19½	Cook (DC)♦	24	...	...	2.8	...
179	99	Cowie (T)	167	-4	4.8	3.9	12.6
133	75	Dag Motors	99	...	5.7	7.7	11.7
128	85	Dvnprt Vern	114	...	4.0	4.7	13.4
231	130	ERF	197	...	4.0	...	...
242	163	FR Group	242	+2	6.6	3.7	11.6
2943½	1500	Ford Motor	2943½	+56½	...	...	...
2550½	1681½	General Mtr	2175	-18½	...	2.3	...
96	43	Henlys	91	-5	3.0	4.4	...
735	465	Honda Motor	668	-6	...	0.8	...
31	10	Jacks (Wm)	18	...	...	...	...
95	49	Jessups	72	+1	4.5	8.3	...
225	68	Kwik-Fit	131	-4	3.3	3.4	13.0
294	175	Lex Service	286	-4	10.0	4.7	...
128	74	Lookers	114	-1	6.2	7.3	...
153	77	Lucas	143	+1	7.0	6.5	...
258	169	Pendragon	245	-3	6.0	3.3	21.9
175	103	Perry Gp	116	-1	9.0	10.3	20.7
130	56	Quicks Group	120	...	3.0	3.3	22.1
176	89	Rolls-Royce	119	+1	7.2	8.1	22.5
160	99	Vardy (Reg)	129	+3	4.0	4.2	19.6
130	93	Westland	129	...	4.2	4.4	11.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
106	73	Adscene	103	...	4.0	5.2	15.4
390	315	Black (A&C)	330	...	13.0	5.3	19.7
578	398	Blenheim Gp	528	+13	9.0	2.3	19.8
330	248	Bristol	290	+1	11.5	5.1	22.2
8300	5900	Daily Mail	8275 †	-25	13.0	2.1	-
8300	5800	Daily Mail 'A'	8275 †	-25	13.0	2.1	-
295	193	Dorling Kind	294	+4	...	1.4	26.1
365	224½	EMAP	340	-14	...	2.0	22.1
923	533	Euromoney Pb	923	...	29.5	4.3	-
234	155	Haynes Pub	234	+1	6.0	3.4	9.9
235	140	Headline	234	...	10.0	1.7	26.0
183	105	Home Counts	119	...	8.2	9.2	22.5
6½	2	Ind Bus Comns	3½	+½	...	...	...
14½	6½	Int Cm & Data♦	6½	...	...	...	...
405	285	Independent	403	...	...	5.0	13.7
423	289	Johnstne Press	423	+4	5.5	1.7	20.0
250	186	Metal Bulletn	249	-1	7.4	4.0	20.1
125	49	Mirror Gp.	101	+4	...	...	9.6
1371	509½	News Corp	1189	-18	...	0.4	-
726	258	News Intl	676	-6	3.9	0.8	11.7
459½	297	Pearson	359	-11	...	4.3	16.9
380	340	Portsmth Sund	380	+13	8.6	2.0	14.9
655	447	Reed Intl	625	-13	16.0	3.4	30.7
110	61	Southnews	110	...	...	1.8	32.4
100	29	Sterling Pub♦	100	+3	...	3.4	32.8
348	274	Telegraph	347	...	...	3.8	13.7
815	565	Thomson Corp	715	-20	25.2	4.7	12.1
347	222	Trinity Intl	346	-1	...	3.2	20.3
62	29	Unit Groups♦	37	...	...	...	...
537	323	Utd Nwspprs	503	-23	21.0	5.6	17.2

OILS, GAS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	6	Aberdeen Petr♦	8½	...	...	...	8.7
19½	11½	Aran Energy	18½	-½	...	...	...
68	23	Arcon Intl♦	46	...	...	...	...
44	27	Aus Oil & Gas	41½	...	...	...	...
290	20	Aviva Pet	33	+3	...	...	...
48	8	Beverley	9½	...	0.6	...	...
6½	1½	Blystad	2½	...	...	...	...
195	105	Br Borneo	152	...	7.1	6.2	16.8
295	223	British Gas	287	-7	...	6.2	13.2
304	182	Br Petroleum	236½	+½	...	5.9	47.5
4½	1	Buls Resources	1	...	...	...	...
741	460	Burmah Castrl	702	-8	24.0	4.6	16.1
75	21	Cairn Energy	37	+2	...	...	...
248	164	Calor Gp	235	...	12.0	6.8	15.4
10	6½	Caspen Oil	6½	...	...	...	...
80	20	Clyde Pet	39	-1	1.2	...	74.0
25	6	Crossroads Oil♦	9	...	...	...	...
16½	11½	Edin Oil & Gas	11½	...	...	...	...
467	297	Enterprise	438	-1	15.7	4.8	31.2
103	35	Exp Co Louis	73	+2	...	...	...
28½	14½	Fairhaven Intl	20½	...	...	1.2	8.2
69	34	Goal Pet	48	...	1.2	3.3	9.1
31	5	Gt Western Res	23	-3	...	...	...
146	77	Hardy O & G	116	-1	1.0	1.1	36.4
19½	7½	Kelt Energy	19½	...	...	...	...
263	112	LASMO	156	-9	8.5	7.3	20.2
163	75	-do- Units	78	...	15.0	25.6	...
51	11	Mid Scot Res♦	19	-½	...	...	...
47½	37	Monument	37	-½	...	...	38.5
18	5	New London	9½	+½	...	...	...
35½	17	Nth Sea Assets	23	+2	0.7	4.3	6.0
37	25	Oil Search	28	...	...	...	...
14	8	Perroz	13½	...	...	...	...
102	57	Pict Pet	100	...	...	...	13.9
31	10	Premier	21½	-½	...	...	9.7
198	40	Presidio	75	...	...	8.4	...
430	333	Ranger	338	-5	...	1.4	...
5637½	4162½	Royal Dtch Fl	5250	-50	...	5.9	14.4
4312½	3025	Schlumberger	3637½	-12½	...	2.1	...
59	41	Seafield	48	...	...	...	...
563	435	Shell	543	-7½	21.9	5.1	21.9
206	110	Sunrise Eng Sv	196	...	...	...	...
19	8½	Teredo♦	9½	...	...	...	...
82	36	Triton Europe	36	...	...	...	8.1
172	131	Woodside	143½	-6½	...	2.5	...

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PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
259	103	API	259	+6	7.5	3.9	-
200	123½	Arjo Wiggins	158	...	8.3	...	12.8
413	365	Abbott Mead	413	...	8.4	2.7	20.7
3	¼	Acsis Group	1	...	...	...	...
128	15	Argis Gp	22	...	...	...	7.4
180	105	Aspen Comms	180	...	...	1.6	24.7
13	7	BBB Design♦	7½	+½	...	...	...
298	180	Bemrose	298	...	11.7	5.3	15.2
60	21	Birkdale	33	...	0.2	0.8	27.0
126	80	Bunzl	125	...	4.0	4.3	29.2
267	147	CIA Gp	267	...	...	1.9	17.7
51	36	City of Lon♦	50	...	...	0.1	10.5
40	1½	Clarke Hooper♦	1½ #	...	...	...	...
206	135	Cropper (Jmes)	171	...	3.0	2.3	19.5
41	6	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
60	30	Delyn Pckaging	54	...	1.4	3.6	10.7
149	78	Dolphin Pack	97	...	4.5	6.2	12.9
74½	42	Dudley Jenkins♦	43	...	...	12.4	10.8
15	9½	Elswick	13½	...	0.2	...	11.6
68	38	Fairway Group♦	48	...	...	8.8	12.7
286	211	Ferguson Intl	296	...	12.5	5.8	16.4
77	25	Filofax♦	76	...	...	0.7	18.5
48	6	Finch	30	...	...	...	2.2
71	47	Gibbon Lyons♦	71	...	...	9.4	13.9
265	194	Gold Greenless	265	...	8.3	4.2	20.3
53	32	Goodhead	40	...	0.5	1.7	78.0
160	32½	Hunterprint	43	...	...	...	...
50	13	Lopex	25	...	...	...	10.4
263	133	More O'Ferrall	223	+28	13.2	7.9	11.6
59	27	NMC Group	58	+1	1.2	...	11.4
117	40	Olive Hldgs	40	...	0.0	...	6.1
86	58	Osborne & Little	69 †	...	4.3	8.4	8.8
189	132	Quarto	167	...	5.2	5.0	9.6
343	231	St Ives Gp	342	-1	5.2	2.0	23.3
245	115	Saatchi	170	+2	...	...	...
754	438	Sappi	459	+9	...	8.5	8.6
14½	1½	Serif♦	12½	...	...	...	...
43	3	Shandwick	14½	-1	...	...	11.9
351	233	Smith David	311	-1	9.5	4.1	17.4
335	210	Smurfit (Jeff)	271 †	-6	...	0.6	8.8
263	171	Sca-Plus	198	+1	7.1	4.8	14.3
16½	10½	Taylor Nelson	16½	...	...	1.2	34.2
65	37	VTR♦	38	...	...	11.9	10.8
115	31	WPP	54	...	...	...	...
195	48	Wace	77	...	8.2	14.3	6.5
221	158	Waddington (J)	221	...	7.9	4.8	16.7
560	391	Watmough	560	+6	10.5	2.5	21.4
4	¼	Waverley Cam	¼	...	...	...	...
5	1½	Westport♦	4½	...	...	...	16.1
39	12	Whitney Mck♦	12	...	...	...	...
75	51	Wood (SW)	57	...	0.2	0.6	...

PROPERTY

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Abaca Group♦	1½ #	...	...	...	...
86	28	Allied Lon	41	...	3.5	11.5	15.4
70	55	Arcadian	59	...	...	...	...
73	34	Asda	64	-1	2.0	4.2	22.8
141	64	Avonside	90	+2	...	7.8	8.0
2450	1867½	BCE♦	2112½	-37½	...	...	...
478	268	Bilton	414	+2	18.0	5.8	14.9
45	23	Bourne End	24	...	1.0	5.6	...
161	108	Bradford	161	+6	4.4	3.7	14.6
36	11	Bredero	20	...	...	...	1.9
275	110	Br Land	189 †	...	6.3	4.5	17.4
188	108	Brixton	166	+2	8.1	6.5	12.7
55	44	Burford	45	...	0.9	2.8	23.5
125	86	Cap & Regnl♦	109	+1	...	1.2	...
200	75	Cardiff Prop	120	...	2.4	2.7	54.6
433	103	Chesterfield	229	...	18.5	...	16.2
80	9	City Site Ests	23	...	1.4	...	...
40	8	Clarke Nickolls	12	...	0.3	...	2.9
32	8	Clayform	12	-1	...	...	...
880	785	Daejan	823	...	25.0	4.1	12.9
4½	¼	Dares Estates	1½	...	...	...	...
76	30	Debenhm Twsn	60	+1	2.5	5.6	22.9
10	1	De Morgan	4	...	...	...	...
135	78	Dencora	79	...	5.5	9.4	...
540	263	Derwent Hldgs	268	...	8.6	4.3	31.7
250	170	Estates Agency	170 †	...	3.0	2.4	15.6
98	6	Estates Gen	26	...	3.7	...	8.2
143	100	Evans Of Leeds	141	...	4.1	3.9	13.5
31	14	Five Oaks	15	-1	...	...	...
55	28	Fletcher King	30	...	1.0	4.5	21.3
328	188	Frogmore	291	...	15.0	6.9	15.2
125	51	Grainger	99	-1	5.2	7.4	-
182	84	Gr Portland	123	+½	10.0	10.8	12.2
114	6½	Greycoat	8½	+½	5.2	...	...
129	63	HK Land	107	+5	...	4.7	18.0
48	19	Hambro Cntyw	37	...	0.0	0.2	...
588	180	Hammerson	290	+1	10.0	4.6	10.5
503	165	-do- 'A'	266	...	10.0	5.0	12.8
150	69	Helical Bar	141	+1	4.0	3.8	...
30	20	Hemingway	29	...	...	...	...
175	103	Herring Baker	103	-27	7.0	9.1	...
225	135	Jermyn	140	...	1.5	1.4	...
494	343	Land Sec	443	...	21.7	6.5	13.4
82	62	Lon Merch Sec	75	+½	3.8	6.8	11.9
3½	1½	Lon & Metro	1½	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Lon Securities	3	...	...	...	...
411	196	MEPC	333	-1	20.0	8.0	14.0
6½	3	McInerney A	6½	+1	...	...	...
145	76	McKay Secs	105	-1	6.7	8.8	9.8
20	5	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	12.1	...
133	8	Merivale Mre	12½	...	1.0	10.7	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	27	Moorfield Est	34	...	...	0.4	...
1075	580	Mountview	835	...	18.0	2.9	8.5
9	2½	Mowatt♦	2½ #	...	...	...	...
137	101	Mucklow (A&J)	115	...	5.9	6.9	15.0
53	33	New Cavendish	46	...	...	...	24.6
30	3½	Oxory Est	6½	...	0.1	3.0	2.0
103	16	Power Corp	16	...	...	18.1	1.6
111	54	Prop Security	95	+1	3.7	5.3	18.6
122½	14½	Property Trust	31	...	...	...	...
4½	¼	Raglan	2	...	...	...	...
68	1½	Regalian	11½	-½	1.5	17.4	2.3
10½	3½	Rosehaugh	7½ #	...	...	...	...
175	130	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.3	1.4	27.7
24	12	St Modwen Prp	19½	+½	0.5	3.8	11.7
43	21	Savills	42	+1	...	...	...
72	18	Scot Met	35	-1	1.5	5.7	...
62	39	Shaftesbury	39	...	...	...	...
9	2	Shield	5	...	...	...	...
26	11	Sinclair Gldsm	18	...	0.5	3.7	...
248	83	Slough Estates	151	...	8.1	7.2	8.5
78	36	Southend Prop	56 †	-1	4.1	10.0	28.2
20½	2½	Speyhawk	15	...	...	...	...
39	9	Stanhope Prps♦	17	-½	...	...	...
83	58	Town Centre	79	...	3.1	5.2	15.4
61	35	Trafford Park	43	...	2.5	8.0	11.6
33	7	UK Land	14	+1	...	...	...
7	4	Union Square	4	...	...	...	...
217	119	Warner	182	+1	10.0	7.3	17.7
245	195	Warnford	197	...	7.2	5.0	13.5
8	1	Waterglade	8	...	...	...	-
91	23	Watts	36½	...	3.7	13.6	9.2
44	17	Wood John D♦	43	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28	9	Automagic♦	12	...	...	...	...
99	42	Headlam	92	...	2.4	3.5	36.4
428	265	Lambert	365	+10	12.5	4.6	9.5
111	63	Pittard Garnar	80	...	1.5	2.5	10.6
41	18	Strong & Fisher	25	...	1.0	5.3	7.0
193	88	Stylo	113	-2	2.5	2.9	...

TEXTILES

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	362	Allied Text	419	+1	12.3	3.9	15.0
73	47	Beckman (A)	60	...	4.7	10.6	11.9
52	25	Bolton Gp	26	...	...	...	13.2
162	138	Br Mohair	142	...	8.5	8.0	11.2
93	30	Celestion	93	...	1.2	1.7	...
41	15	Chartwell♦	30	...	0.4	2.7	...
337	186½	Claremont Ga	337	+2	...	1.5	23.2
570	364	Courtauld Text	567	-2	13.0	3.1	16.7
241	160	Dawson	238	-2	9.0	5.0	23.2
59	17	Drummond	25	...	1.5	...	7.7
60	17½	Dunkeld	33	...	...	...	...
73	60	Faupel♦	68 †	...	...	9.6	6.7
68	24	Foster (John)	26	+2	0.5	2.6	...
142	84	Gaskell	85	...	8.5	...	...
162	99	Hicking Pntcst	161	...	3.4	2.8	13.7
73	38	Jerome (S)	48	...	1.0	...	...
380	215	Lamont	269	+1	...	5.9	13.2
535	308	Leeds	533	...	11.0	2.8	17.2
41	15	Lister	32	+2	0.1	0.4	...
120	81	Lyles (S)	120	...	4.9	5.4	13.6
85	53	Parkland 'A'	75 †	+6	2.0	3.6	...
87	63	Readicut	87	...	3.4	5.3	17.3
71	30	SEET	36	...	...	...	...
91	67	Sirdar	73	...	5.1	9.4	12.7
51	29	Stirling Gp	51	+2	1.6	4.3	21.2
59	31	Stoddard	51	...	2.6	6.9	13.6
312	198	Tomkinsons	292	+17	11.5	5.3	-
5½	3	West Trust	3½	...	0.2	9.5	...
270	160	Yorklyde	270	...	9.7	4.9	12.6

TOBACCOS

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1010	608	BAT	980	-5	33.6	4.6	25.9
669	480	Rothmans 'B'	615	-10	10.2	2.2	14.1

TRANSPORT

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
440	211	Assoc Br Ports	365	-5	8.0	2.9	78.2
816	531	BAA	746	-12	14.5	2.6	13.2
315	219	Br Airways	278	-7½	10.1	4.9	7.4
182	45	Clarkson (H)	80	+5	8.0	...	3.5
101	11	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
488	293	Eurotunnel Uts	358	+8	...	...	...
88	44	Fisher (James)	44	...	5.5	...	12.3
140	70	Graig	138 †	+2	4.5	4.4	...
203	147	IoM Steam	147	...	...	6.8	7.1
39	22	Jacobs (JI)	30	-2	1.9	8.4	17.9
53	42	Lon O'Seas Frts	43	...	1.2	3.9	2.6
1512½	1237½	Manchstr Sh	1300	...	4.5	0.5	5.3
295	190	Mersey Docks	296	+1	6.0	2.7	16.3
290	216	NFC	283	...	...	3.1	31.2
357	170	Ocean Group	257	-2	14.3	7.4	11.6
63	31	Ocean Wilson	43	+1	...	8.2	9.6
555	296½	P & O Dfd	537	-2	30.5	7.6	18.0
156	97	P & O 5 1/2%	130	-1	...	5.6	...
490	267	Powell Duffryn	487	-2	22.6	6.2	19.5
120	96	Seacon♦	120	-1	...	4.7	8.5
59	27½	TIP Europe	29½	...	1.4	7.3	6.2
87	31	TNT	32	-2½	...	...	...
633	495½	Tibbet & Britn	633	...	...	2.3	25.3
478	214	Tiphook	365 †	-2	17.3	6.3	7.2
307	208	TDG	280	...	9.5	4.5	16.8

WATER

1992/93 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
502	309½	Anglian Water	485 †	-1	19.3	5.3	8.8
591	336	Northumbrian	580	-1	20.5	4.6	6.1
513	323	North West	479	+1½	19.6	5.5	8.4
479	298	Severn Trent	457	-4	19.3	5.6	6.7
485	301	Sthrn Water	470 †	-2	19.5	5.5	8.3
1300	670	Sth Staffs	1250	...	40.2	4.4	8.0
524	306	South West	491	+1	21.7	5.9	7.4
518	324	Thames Water	496	...	19.2	5.2	9.4
546	337	Welsh Water	533	...	21.4	5.4	6.1
603	366	Wessex Water	602 †	...	19.5	4.3	8.3
547	336	Yorkshire W	533	+1	19.5	4.9	8.7

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Mastertrust	102.10	109.10	-1.00	1.72
International	74.60	79.36	+0.11	1.29
Dividend Gth	53.39	56.79†	-0.48	5.28
Global Gth Sec	58.64	62.38	-0.01	3.19
Ethical Growth	61.48	65.40	+2.06	2.95
High Inc Equity	141.90	150.90†	+0.70	5.63
Worldwide Bond	250.10	265.10	-4.30	4.72
Gilts Fixed Int	127.00	134.60†	-0.40	7.06
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QL 0224 633070. Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ. 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	40.79	43.15	-0.51	1.96
European	70.71	74.97	-1.46	...
European Inc	71.66	76.02†	-2.02	1.76
Exempt	866.80	892.70†	-3.90	3.43
Extra Inc	39.77	43.14†	+0.56	5.83
F East Emerg Ec	71.02	76.40	-0.42	0.84
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon. SN1 1EL. 0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	354.40	378.80	+7.80	4.90
Equity Inc	198.80	212.50†	+4.00	4.82
High Yield	219.80	234.90	+4.40	4.66
Balanced	606.00	647.80†	+4.20	3.16
American Inc	43.04	46.00	-1.35	3.63
Wld Asset Val	34.13	36.48	-0.27	1.67
Japan	131.00	139.20†	+0.30	0.01
Secs of Am	393.40	419.00†	-19.20	0.36
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	302.00	321.30	+1.40	3.09
-do- Inc	216.40	230.30	+1.00	3.09
Higher Inc Acc	529.90	563.80	+12.90	4.35
-do- Inc	326.80	347.70	+7.90	4.35
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	167.40	176.80	-0.90	7.18
-do- Inc	90.19	95.26	-0.51	7.18
Nth America	258.00	274.50	-0.90	...
Far East	233.40	248.30	-4.40	3.10
Europe	193.10	205.50	-6.90	1.31
General Inc	405.10	431.00	-2.10	2.72
-do- Acc	441.10	469.30	-2.40	2.72
Brit Excell	61.74	65.68	-0.17	3.19
Brit Fndmntls Inc	62.49	66.48	+0.70	4.97
Brit Fndmntls Acc	79.61	84.70	+0.89	4.97
Global Opps	60.66	67.73	-0.58	...
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15. 081 534 5544				
Capital	104.30	111.60	...	3.28
Euro Gth Inc	102.20	108.20	-2.50	1.37
Extra Inc	99.02	105.90	+2.40	5.76
General	229.70	245.70	+1.70	3.55
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.27	58.23†	-0.03	9.03
Income	452.30	483.60	+9.40	5.17
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ. 081 659 9002				
American Gth	87.67	93.11	-1.92	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	116.70	124.30	-1.80	...
Australia	...	...	...	...
Convertibles	48.61	51.98†	+1.19	7.50
Eastern	161.00	173.10	+0.30	1.70
Equity Income	72.48	77.10	+1.93	6.70
European Gth	204.30	217.30	-7.00	1.60
Euro Smllr Cos	138.30	148.80†	-2.30	1.50
Exempt	78.70	80.90	-0.34	3.80
German Growth	48.36	51.62	-1.71	0.80
Global Growth	99.56	106.30†	-1.40	...
Japan Growth	147.40	158.10	-4.50	...
Japan Sunrise	123.70	132.00	-0.20	...
Portfolio	110.30	117.90	+2.50	3.40
-do- Acc	194.90	208.50	+4.50	3.40
UK Growth	69.06	73.46	+0.40	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	68.63	73.40	+3.15	2.00
Select Managers	58.47	62.67	+0.35	2.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA. 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	98.44	105.29	+0.66	2.39
-do- Inc	90.17	96.44	+0.61	2.39
Global Bond	27.54	29.22†	-0.32	5.78
High Yield Acc	48.78	52.17	+0.53	4.52
-do- Inc	35.75	38.36†	+0.39	4.52
Smlr Cos Acc	76.74	82.08	+3.89	1.81
-do- Inc	70.97	75.91	-3.60	1.81
Amer Gth Acc	52.83	56.51	-0.11	0.29
-do- Inc	51.85	55.45	-0.11	0.29
Euro Gth Acc	87.48	93.56	-1.23	1.78
-do- Inc	86.67	92.70	-1.22	1.78
Mngd P folio	31.33	33.51	+0.28	1.54
Pacific Growth	79.63	85.17	-0.14	1.17
Intl Spec Opps	76.24	81.55	+1.82	1.09
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath. 0444 458144				
Financial	104.00	110.80	+1.60	4.01
Smaller Cos Acc	226.50	241.20	+12.30	...
Smaller Cos Inc	132.60	141.30	+7.30	1.63
High Inc	68.59	73.05	+1.54	6.43
Income	116.70	124.90	+3.30	4.65
Mngd P folio Inc	84.28	89.76	+1.29	2.32
-do- Acc	157.80	168.10	+2.50	...
North American	102.50	109.20†	-0.40	0.20
Orient	92.36	99.33	-1.87	...
Recovery	32.31	34.73†	+1.87	3.40
German	36.67	39.33	-0.87	0.10
Intl Recov	30.67	32.66	-0.33	0.24
European Inc	20.58	22.16	-0.37	0.51
Conv General	18.03	19.29†	-0.51	8.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542. Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	59.36	63.15	+1.34	1.67
-do- Acc	66.19	70.42	+1.50	1.67
Income Fund S	202.40	215.40	+4.60	4.29
-do- Acc	460.30	489.70	+10.50	4.29
Inv Portfolio	64.34	66.68	+0.15	2.50
-do- Acc	72.07	74.69	+0.16	2.50
Smaller Cos	105.20	112.00†	+4.40	2.43
-do- Acc	126.40	134.50†	+5.30	2.43
High Inc P folio	56.54	58.59	+0.86	5.04
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL. 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	67.96	68.87	+0.03	6.04
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH. 061 837 5060				
Environ	128.40	136.60†	+2.30	1.72
UK Growth	139.40	148.30	-0.20	2.38
UK Income	117.40	124.60	+1.90	4.69
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB. 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	72.45	77.49	-0.55	1.06
Growth	43.25	46.26†	-0.24	3.29
Income	50.10	53.30†	+0.16	4.85
Far East	38.09	40.74	-1.05	0.37
North American	79.24	85.21	-1.28	0.01
Global	77.14	82.50	-1.03	1.15
European	59.99	64.16	-1.66	1.23
Japan	80.69	86.30	-2.22	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	54.65	57.92	-0.78	7.67
UK Cap Gwth	75.39	80.63	+1.81	2.61

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF. Enquiries: 061 236 5685. Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	124.40	132.40	-2.50	0.11
-do- Acc	132.30	140.80	-2.60	0.11
European	60.86	64.47	-1.43	1.10
-do- Acc	63.09	66.82	-1.49	1.10
Far East Gen	45.04	47.92	-1.13	...
-do- Acc	45.04	47.92	-1.13	...
Glenfriars	220.80	234.90	-4.80	1.62
-do- Acc	248.00	263.90	-5.40	1.62
Growth	361.60	386.80	+2.00	2.62
-do- Acc	614.90	657.70	+3.30	2.62
Income Growth	356.00	378.90	+2.80	4.16
-do- Acc	465.80	495.60	+3.60	4.16
Master Portfolio	8988.0	9286.0†	-173.0	3.12
-do- Acc	10369.0	10713.0	-138.0	3.12
Special Sits	82.29	87.58†	-0.06	2.59
-do- Acc	96.31	102.40	+1.20	2.59
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1138.0	1174.0	+16.00	4.78
-do- Acc	1318.0	1359.0	+18.00	4.78
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU. 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	182.50	194.20	+6.60	1.60
Capital	509.30	543.50	-1.00	2.59
Eurotrack 100	118.60	126.00	-4.10	1.85
Euro Gth	70.93	75.55†	-1.80	2.08
Far East Growth	71.96	76.79†	-1.63	0.55
Global Bond	21.49	22.64†	-1.12	7.02
Hong Kong	61.81	65.96	-0.87	0.76
Income	477.40	509.40	+7.40	4.90
Intl Growth	64.52	68.85	-2.16	1.26
Japan Growth	186.90	199.40	-4.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	24.03	25.64	-0.73	...
Japan Index	55.71	59.45	-2.48	0.40
Nth American	398.80	425.60	-10.30	1.05
S pore Mly Gth	44.71	47.71	-2.33	...
The Footsie Fd	103.90	109.70†	-1.10	2.60
Tiger Index	123.70	132.00	-1.60	1.07
Trude Index	95.20	101.60	+3.56	3.16
UK Index	117.30	125.10†	-2.00	3.44
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN. 071 606 0708				
American P folio	77.15	82.43	-2.32	1.00
European P folio	64.10	68.19	-1.30	1.38
Japanese P folio	45.40	48.22	-0.94	...
Pacific P folio	78.91	84.86	-1.44	2.40
Cazenove P folio	64.63	69.13†	-0.96	3.00
UK Income Gth	59.29	63.53	+0.66	5.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	582.50	586.60	+21.00	5.08
Fixed Int	151.96	152.70	+2.85	9.50
Deposit	7.15	...	...	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ. 071 588 1815				
Income	573.11	578.96	+19.44	5.16
-do- Acc	2209.5	2215.6	+70.60	...
Deposit	7.00	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.00	124.28	+2.69	9.33
-do- Acc	159.85	160.17	+5.07	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1. 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	60.43	63.61	-0.16	2.21
Beckman Intl	74.87	79.02	-0.89	5.05
Friars Hse Inc	169.58	181.45†	+1.87	6.79
Friars Hse Cap	246.31	263.55	...	2.82
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing: 081 686 9818				
American Gth	102.52	109.06	-2.66	0.22
European Gth	81.80	87.02	-2.58	1.77
Far East Gth	83.56	88.89	-2.87	0.19
Japan Gth Acc	31.01	32.99	-1.05	...
Managed	57.66	61.33	-1.46	3.25
-do- Acc	69.62	74.06	-1.77	3.25
Mthly Inc Plus	44.99	47.86	+0.45	8.90
Smaller Cos	29.87	31.78	-0.12	2.60
-do- Acc	32.88	34.98	-0.13	2.60
UK General	65.91	70.18†	-1.80	3.09
-do- Acc	79.13	84.18	-2.16	3.09
Wwide Bd	59.77	63.58	-0.99	6.15
-do- Acc	74.69	79.67	-1.24	6.15
Wwide Sp Sits	48.28	51.64†	-0.73	0.31
-do- Acc	50.19	53.68	-0.77	0.31
Quilter General	117.56	125.06	-0.35	2.52
-do- Acc	129.39	137.65	-0.39	2.52
Quilter Income	86.34	91.85†	+2.57	4.28
-do- Acc	106.40	113.19	+3.18	4.28
Quilter Intl	113.67	120.93	-2.81	0.35
-do- Acc	115.24	122.60	-2.86	0.35
Quilter UK Spec	65.70	69.89	+0.54	3.22
-do- Acc	86.92	92.47	+0.73	3.22
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Fin Property	91.42	97.26	+1.40	2.28
Fixed Conv	39.16	41.66	+1.20	7.80
-do- Acc	100.43	106.84	+3.08	7.80
Equity Inc	137.73	146.52	+0.91	4.34
-do- Acc	434.80	462.55	+2.88	4.34
High Yield	109.64	116.64†	-1.18	5.44
-do- Acc	410.65	436.86	-4.45	5.44
Preference	45.30	48.19†	-0.54	8.35
-do- Acc	229.19	243.82	+1.50	8.35
PPT Europe	131.43	139.82	-3.28	0.92
PPT Global Bnd	77.03	81.94	-1.85	4.41
PPT Gold Coen	42.86	45.59	+0.33	...
PPT Thai	52.39	55.73	-0.17	...
PPT Hong Kong	83.25	88.56	-1.83	...
PPT Japan	84.47	89.86	-3.60	...
PPT N Amer	139.51	148.41	-3.32	...
PPT S'pore Mly	91.47	97.31	-4.22	...
PPT UK	111.51	118.63	-3.05	1.63
PPT Cash	90.53	90.53	+0.07	5.24
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ. 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	65.19	69.35	+0.54	1.14
Japanese Acc	44.02	46.83	-1.10	...
UK Balncd Inc	119.40	127.00†	...	2.52
-do- Acc	139.30	148.20†	...	2.52
UK Growth Acc	198.10	210.70	+1.00	2.29
UK High Inc	125.80	133.80	+1.00	7.31
-do- Acc	148.50	158.00	+1.20	7.31
N America Acc	107.10	113.90	-1.60	0.34
European Acc	134.30	142.90	-2.80	0.49
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.28	62.91†	+0.05	9.76
-do- Acc	94.39	100.20†	+0.10	9.76
Intl Sp Sits Acc	41.63	44.29	-0.56	0.26
Environmntl Opp	69.14	73.55	+0.26	1.51
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	100.40	106.70	-3.80	...
UK Smlr Cos	164.80	175.10	+5.10	1.43
Eurofund	33.90	35.83†	-1.12	1.12
Mngd Exempt	159.10	165.80	+1.30	3.17
Growth Inc	209.00	222.10	+0.50	4.05
High Dist	130.80	139.00	+0.70	6.22
International	297.40	316.00	-3.20	1.03
Intl Income	73.00	77.93†	-0.38	3.34
Pacific	49.45	52.54	-0.45	0.57
Smllr Jap Cos	50.31	53.45†	-1.56	...
Tokyo	148.00	157.40	-4.80	...

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Japan Exempt	83.72	86.02	-4.12	0.58
Sm Jap Exempt	416.10	427.50	-11.80	0.12
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU. 071 373 7261				
Endurance	154.60	164.40	-4.10	1.27
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW. 0296 431480				
Pelican	101.79	107.15	+1.01	3.82
High Income	113.53	119.50	+2.87	5.28
Tst of Inv Tsts	127.59	134.31	+2.08	2.85
Special Sits	78.67	82.81	+3.40	3.55
North American	101.10	106.42	-1.79	1.11
Far Eastern	186.78	196.61	-3.46	1.62
Intl Growth	82.75	87.11	-0.56	1.61
European	56.87	59.86	-1.16	2.29
Smaller Cos	62.43	65.72†	+2.04	2.69
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
America	206.40	217.80	-2.60	...
Cash Units Tst	100.00	100.00†	...	6.80
European Tst	96.68	102.60	-1.90	...
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	82.07	86.92	-2.19	0.92
Far Eastern	104.60	112.80	-1.90	...
Ocean Income	79.32	84.84†	-1.51	3.19
UK Growth	87.70	93.80†	-0.59	0.14
UK Income	96.31	103.00	+1.90	4.30
US Smaller Cos	208.10	222.60	+1.30	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT. 071 374 4100				
Am Smllr Co	412.30	440.90	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	421.20	450.40	+1.30	...
Capital	265.80	282.70	+10.00	2.52
-do- Acc	366.90	390.20	+13.70	2.52
Contl Smllr Cos	40.66	43.85	-0.70	1.59
-do- Acc	42.07	45.37	-0.72	1.55
Convertible	104.00	110.60†	+2.30	6.75
-do- Acc	191.90	204.10†	+4.20	6.75
European	86.86	92.88	-1.78	1.13
-do- Acc	89.75	95.98	-1.84	1.13
Extra Income	269.00	286.10	+10.10	4.83
-do- Acc	370.60	394.20	+14.00	4.83
Financial	91.89	97.74	+1.09	0.91
-do- Acc	95.63	101.70	+1.20	0.91
Health Fund Inc	127.70	136.40	-1.60	...
-do- Acc	127.70	136.40	-1.60	...
Income Tst	166.70	177.30†	+4.10	4.47
-do- Acc	232.40	247.20†	+5.70	4.47
Intl Growth	288.20	308.00	-3.60	...
-do- Acc	320.00	342.00	-4.00	...
Japan Gen	122.70	131.30	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	123.90	132.60	-2.10	...
Mngd P folio Inc	84.59	89.04	+0.86	1.94
-do- Acc	87.35	91.94	+0.91	1.94
Monthly Income	133.00	141.40†	+4.10	5.04
Recovery	264.00	282.30	+4.00	0.82
-do- Acc	302.90	329.20	+4.50	0.82
Gilt Gth Tst	59.75	61.61	-0.54	7.48
-do- Acc	75.01	77.35	-0.67	7.48
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH. Dealing: 0722 411411. Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	335.36	356.77	-1.41	2.92
-do- Acc	677.14	720.36	-2.84	2.92
Euro Gth Dist	93.94	99.94	-1.37	1.15
-do- Acc	96.75	102.93	-1.40	1.15
Fixed Int Dist	126.59	133.90†	-0.19	6.95
-do- Acc	210.12	222.25†	-0.29	6.95
Intl Gth Dist	67.34	71.64†	-0.93	0.82
-do- Acc	69.66	74.10†	-0.97	0.82
Nth Amer Dist	158.12	167.84†	-2.18	0.72
-do- Acc	171.35	181.88†	-1.45	0.72
Pac Basin Dist	193.31	205.65†	-2.06	0.42
-do- Acc	196.38	208.91†	-1.88	0.42
Stewardship Dist	277.46	295.17	+9.38	2.03
-do- Acc	328.26	349.21	+11.09	2.03
Swd Inc Dist	56.38	59.98	+2.20	4.10
-do- Acc	68.76	73.15	+2.70	4.10
N Am Swd Dist	89.16	94.85†	-1.05	0.04
-do- Acc	94.39	100.41†	+1.19	0.04
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 283 2575. Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	135.00	144.40	+0.10	...
European	356.00	378.40	-9.10	1.01
Far East General	176.50	188.10†	-1.70	0.34
Germany	85.93	90.94	-2.32	0.44
Global Assets In	60.65	64.87	-0.80	2.31
Global Assets Ac	63.95	67.98	-0.62	2.28
Income	99.41	106.30	+0.50	7.44
International	224.50	240.10	-3.20	1.04
Intl Income	68.48	72.93†	-1.20	4.91
Japan General	276.30	292.50	-4.80	...
Smllr Cos Div	42.33	45.28†	+1.24	6.22
UK Capital Inc	144.80	154.90	+2.70	4.10
-do- Acc	245.50	262.60	+4.50	4.03
Uk Spec Sits	63.19	67.59	+1.42	1.68
US Income	101.60	108.20	-1.30	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	105.90	113.30†	+0.50	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212. Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.18	45.11	+0.21	1.20
Cash Trust	126.72	126.72	+0.13	6.88
Pract Inv Inc	94.94	101.81	+0.76	4.29
-do- Acc	202.69	217.36	+1.64	4.29
UK Smaller Cos	91.11	97.71	+5.64	2.04
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.02	25.69	+0.20	8.72
High Inc	28.03	31.05	+0.14	5.73
UK Equity Inc	121.63	130.09	+0.32	4.64
Intl Fxd Int	27.95	28.98†	-0.12	5.90
International Funds				
Gold Intl	56.82	60.93	-0.82	1.90
Frontier Markets	37.21	39.90	-0.23	0.53
Global Inc Gth	110.77	118.27	-0.90	3.00
UK Intl	102.14	109.24†	+0.27	1.42
Overseas Funds				
American	119.83	127.98	-1.25	0.52
European	73.01	77.44	-2.08	0.90
Euro Sel Opps	83.13	88.43	-2.13	1.42
American Emerg	69.53	74.56†	+0.72	...
Hong Kong	90.10	96.62	-0.23	2.41
Japan	149.62	159.26	-3.46	...
Pacific Growth	125.22	134.28	+0.97	0.66
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979. Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	110.36	118.03	-0.99	0.95
American Gth	112.70	120.54	-4.53	0.35
European Gth	60.60	64.79	-1.78	0.82
German Horizn	42.19	45.02	-1.00	0.92
Japan Gth	57.26	61.24	-2.31	...
Pacific Inc	110.24	117.90	-3.86	3.22
Pacific Strategy	90.41	96.70	-0.37	...
UK Prog Inc	68.46	73.22	-0.58	6.11
Gt British Cos	46.49	49.72	+0.39	2.00
UK Small Cos	40.72	43.55	+1.96	2.60
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE. 071 538 9668				
Cash	129.40	129.40	+0.10	6.01
Gilt Fixed	116.80	123.90	-1.00	6.63
Growth Equity	279.40	298.40	+3.00	2.47
Guardhill	409.80	437.80	+5.10	2.43

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Income Trust	99.31	106.10†	+1.70	4.78
International	137.90	147.30	+1.70	0.16
Japan Trust	94.35	100.80	-2.40	...
Managed	...	...	...	...
Nth American	236.30	252.40	-1.20	0.40
Pacific	299.10	319.50	-6.50	...
Prop Shares	...	...	...	...
Small Cos	...	...	...	...
European	297.30	317.40†	-8.50	0.59
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW. 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	32.86	34.84	-0.22	1.79
-do- Acc	34.26	36.32	-0.23	1.79
Inc Adv Inc	27.79	29.46†	+0.01	4.36
-do- Acc	28.66	30.38	+0.01	4.36
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	59.84	63.46	+0.84	0.54
Equity Income	104.30	111.00†	+0.70	4.23
European	123.80	130.80	-1.40	1.57
Intl Situation	66.47	70.71	-1.56	...
Japanese	102.70	109.30	-2.80	...
North American	95.67	101.50†	-3.80	0.20
Scandinavian	96.18	101.70	-1.40	0.61
Smaller Cos	28.65	30.48	+1.30	2.72
HENDERSON PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	87.40	93.46	-0.17	...
Asian Enterprise	103.61	111.04†	+0.87	1.39
Australian	111.34	119.02	-8.57	1.35
European	319.36	338.85	-6.59	1.26
European Inc	62.19	65.82	-1.01	2.94
Euro Sml Co	105.77	113.08	+0.29	1.45
Extra Income	241.77	257.37†	+4.80	5.57
Family of Funds	63.08	67.32†	-0.66	2.01
Fixed Interest	53.75	57.48†	+1.05	9.58
Global Resour	70.31	75.48	...	1.69
High Inc	262.00	280.10	+8.41	4.90
Income Gth	220.55	234.87†	+4.68	4.14
-do- Acc	555.00	591.06†	+11.78	4.14
International	205.09	218.42	-2.87	0.93
Japan Spe Sit	170.17	181.00	-3.31	...
Japan	145.30	154.46	-4.24	...
N Amer	219.49	233.69†	-4.69	0.15
Pacific Smllr Cos	139.81	150.10	+1.82	1.55
Pref Gilt	44.82	48.71	+0.27	9.69
Smaller Cos Div	145.01	158.06	+7.19	4.75
Special Sits	239.29	256.03	+11.73	1.68
-do- Acc	366.48	392.12	+17.97	1.68
Best of British	53.09	56.95	+0.36	2.46
Spirit of the East	47.20	50.42	-0.63	0.73
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon. 081 686 4355				
British	84.50	90.37	-1.01	2.70
Capital	145.80	155.60	-1.80	2.52
Dollar	285.20	305.00	-6.60	0.27
European	170.90	182.70	-3.80	0.83
Far East	196.60	210.20†	-6.60	0.88
Financial	590.80	631.60	+1.80	2.91
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.28	26.25	-0.04	8.83
High Yield	92.51	98.94†	+2.79	5.55
Income	125.80	134.30	+1.80	4.07
Intl	189.80	202.90	-4.50	0.53
Japan Tech	50.56	54.07†	-1.66	...
Nat Resources	48.93	52.33	-2.00	0.63
Security	281.40	300.90	+2.00	2.57
Smaller Cos	99.28	105.60	+5.00	2.01
Special Sits	124.30	132.80	+1.60	2.72
US Smaller Cos	68.33	73.07	-1.08	...
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN. 071 489 8673				
Brit O seas	225.70	237.60	-6.50	1.51
Capital Gwth	99.78	105.00	-1.10	2.56
Inv Trusts	112.00	117.90	-1.30	0.81
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR. 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	20.33	21.73	+1.07	2.79
Special Features	25.40	26.98	+0.28	1.82
-do- Acc	29.80	31.66	+0.34	1.82
General Funds				
UK Growth	50.09	53.62	+0.15	2.39
Assets Earnings	68.26	72.52	-0.64	2.15
do Acc	79.56	84.53	-0.74	2.15
Managed Invest	75.73	80.89	-0.67	1.38
Expert Children	73.16	78.09	-0.91	1.84
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	51.29	51.29	+0.05	5.94
Extra Inc	74.17	79.87	+2.10	5.33
Gilt	26.80	28.22†	-0.09	7.38
Income Gth	36.32	38.83	+0.48	3.83
MIMsar	74.23	76.17	-0.11	8.67
Preference	17.11	18.17†	+0.19	7.52
UK Income	287.10	307.30	+1.30	3.67
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	48.13	51.15†	+0.57	2.34
Property Shares	51.33	54.53	+0.10	2.51
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	132.70	139.30	+1.70	3.83
European Acc	98.72	104.70	-2.30	2.38
European Dist	93.98	99.73	-2.17	2.38
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	46.32	49.27	-1.04	1.13
European Perf	92.19	97.87	-1.70	1.53
-do- Acc	93.91	99.70	-1.70	1.53
Euro Small Cos	17.15	18.25	-0.23	1.19
French Growth	60.43	64.03	-0.60	0.93
-do- Acc	63.90	67.70	-0.63	0.93
Hong K/China	53.80	57.58†	-0.86	1.37
Intl Growth	44.82	47.62	-1.03	1.11
-do- Acc	44.82	47.62	-1.03	1.11
Japan Perf	23.98	25.46	-0.62	...
Accum Units	23.98	25.46	-0.62	...
Japan Smllr Cos	25.81	27.38	-0.44	...
Singapore Asean	62.65	67.64	-0.63	0.73
-do- Acc	63.04	68.05	-0.64	0.73
South East Asia	184.90	199.00	-0.50	0.95
US Smllr Cos	105.80	112.40	+0.50	...
-do- Acc	106.90	113.50	+0.40	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	73.88	78.70†	-0.82	3.29
Intl Bond	54.51	55.24	-0.41	6.69
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3. 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	68.31	68.66†	+0.08	6.66
Extra Income	48.46	51.55†	+0.52	7.47
Gilt Yield	115.80	122.10†	-0.50	8.35
Global Income	172.10	183.10†	-5.60	4.67
High Yield	121.80	129.60†	+0.10	6.74
Smllr Cos Div	38.51	40.97	-0.05	6.74
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	84.30	89.68	-3.08	...
North American	71.24	75.79†	-2.34	0.25
European	115.30	122.70†	-4.30	0.97
Euro Special	69.35	73.78	-2.62	1.12
General	261.90	278.60	+0.30	3.46
Japan	290.70	309.30	-9.70	...
Japanese Special	155.00	164.90	-4.30	...
Master Acc	198.60	211.30	-3.30	1.56
Pacific	210.80	226.30	-6.80	0.41
Smaller Cos	85.34	90.79†	+2.13	2.54
UK Equity Gth	32.35	34.41	+0.50	2.88
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB. 031 550 5151				
European	65.17	69.33†	-1.00	1.01
Extra Income	23.03	24.50†	-0.40	3.74

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Far East	20.90	22.23	-0.31	0.90
Income Gwth	69.36	73.79	-0.99	3.02
Intl Growth	45.65	48.56	-0.97	1.00
Japan	47.17	50.18	-1.00	...
Maximum Dist	100.80	102.80	-0.70	8.33
N Amer Equity	37.51	39.90†	-1.29	0.45
UK Equity	82.16	87.40	+0.45	2.89
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	50.82	54.07†	+1.43	4.92
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex. Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	406.40	432.30	+0.40	3.05
Equity Acc	765.20	814.00	+0.70	3.05
Equity Income	85.38	90.83†	-0.66	4.80
European	84.79	90.20	-2.67	1.95
Far Eastern	141.40	150.60	-4.60	0.57
Fixed Interest	48.49	51.59†	-0.08	8.76
Gilt	88.23	93.56	-0.52	6.66
Global Growth	55.91	59.48†	-1.59	1.13
Intl Bond	53.06	56.45	-0.80	5.54
Japanese	50.29	53.50	-1.64	...
Overseas Equity	82.43	87.69†	-2.54	0.88
Pacific Gth	68.91	73.31	-2.52	1.42
North American	129.60	137.90	-3.50	1.36
UK Recovery	70.55	75.05	+1.40	3.17
UK Smllr Cos	92.91	98.84†	+3.17	2.49
Worldwide	69.04	73.45	-0.08	3.00
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF. 0634 834313				
Balanced	299.80	319.00	-4.00	3.11
-do- Acc	649.10	690.60	-8.90	3.11
Contl Euro Gth	45.60	48.00	-0.96	1.60
-do- Acc	48.22	50.76	-1.01	1.60
Extra Inc	226.00	240.50	+3.00	4.27
-do- Acc	549.80	584.00	+7.40	4.22
German Gth	88.02	92.66	-2.06	0.31
-do- Acc	92.35	97.17	-2.16	0.31
Income	424.50	452.00	+7.40	3.99
-do- Acc	1076.0	1145.0	+18.00	3.99
Japan Growth	69.97	74.44	-1.73	0.01
-do- Acc	70.21	74.70	-1.74	0.01
Master Trust	48.24	51.75	+0.26	1.23
-do- Acc	52.90	56.28	+0.28	1.23
N American Gen	177.20	188.60	-3.00	0.01
-do- Acc	204.70	217.80	-3.50	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	131.60	140.00	+0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	134.30	142.90	+0.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	170.40	181.30	-2.10	0.63
-do- Acc	179.30	190.80	-2.10	0.63
Small Cos Rec	280.70	298.50	+12.20	2.52
-do- Acc	362.10	381.20	+15.70	2.52
UK Growth	74.37	79.12†	-1.82	2.39
-do- Acc	86.71	92.25	-1.24	2.39
Worldwide Gth	246.60	262.40	-5.40	0.39
-do- Acc	363.40	386.60	-8.10	0.39
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282673				
General	74.29	79.71	-0.19	3.10
Income	55.13	59.15	+1.21	6.40
International	50.28	53.95	-0.65	0.90
American	56.85	61.00†	-1.12	0.40
Japan	36.82	39.51	-0.77	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	48.40	51.93	+0.33	2.20
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	366.30	387.10	-10.80	0.82
-do- Acc	451.00	476.70	-13.20	0.82
American Rec	356.50	377.00	-2.30	0.83
-do- Acc	407.80	431.30	-2.70	0.83
Am Sm Co Acc	113.20	119.80	+0.10	...
Australia Acc	116.90	123.70	-6.60	2.00
Capital	564.50	597.00	+12.80	3.57
-do- Acc	614.70	650.10	+14.00	3.57
Commodity Acc	333.70	352.80	+1.70	1.78
Compnd Gth	749.10	792.20	+17.80	3.55
Dividend	31.10	33.30	+0.80	5.00
-do- Acc	121.10	128.60	+3.10	5.00
Equity Inc	258.70	276.80	+11.00	6.23
European Div	51.20	54.70	-0.10	5.37
-do- Acc	57.30	61.10	-0.10	5.37
European Gen	335.00	354.30†	-6.93	1.85
-do- Acc	418.50	442.60	-8.60	1.85
Extra Yield	327.90	350.90	+11.50	5.29
-do- Acc	942.40	1008.4	+33.10	5.29
Far Eastern	228.90	242.10	-4.60	1.48
-do- Acc	300.20	317.50	-6.00	1.48
Fund of Inv	436.50	461.60	-0.40	2.79
-do- Acc	787.70	833.00	-0.60	2.79
General	49.20	52.00†	+0.90	4.21
-do- Acc	129.50	136.90	+2.40	4.21
Gilt Fxd Int	60.50	60.50	-0.30	9.23
do Acc	147.20	147.20	-0.70	9.23
Gold	30.30	32.00†	-0.90	2.64
-do- Acc	35.50	37.50	-0.70	2.64
High Inc	21.80	23.20†	+0.60	5.56
-do- Acc	80.90	86.10	+2.30	5.56
Intl Growth	60.80	64.60	-1.20	1.08
-do- Acc	104.50	111.10	-2.30	1.08
Intl Inc	79.00	84.10	+0.20	5.58
Japan Gen Acc	37.10	39.30	-1.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	105.40	111.40	-1.20	...
Midland	45.20	47.80	+2.20	5.09
-do- Acc	142.90	151.20	+7.20	5.09
Recovery	31.70	33.60†	+1.20	3.75
-do- Acc	49.90	51.30	+1.90	3.75
Second Gen	53.50	56.60†	+2.00	4.31
-do- Acc	130.80	138.40	+4.80	4.31
Smaller Cos	51.80	54.80	+2.50	4.25
-do- Acc	96.40	102.00	+4.60	4.25
Trustee	34.60	36.60	+1.10	4.57
Charifund 3	†109.62	...	-0.44	9.84
Charifund 2	574.90	580.70	+13.20	3.55
Pension ex 1	801.20	821.30	+10.80	4.83
NAACIF Inc 3	144.00	...	+0.25	8.28
-do- Acc 3	†1012.7	...	+8.50	8.28
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG. 0244 688666				
Inv Port Inc	124.70	133.30†	-2.00	2.77
-do- Acc	138.40	148.00†	-0.80	2.77
UK Income	103.30	110.50†	+0.90	3.35
-do- Acc	115.30	123.30†	+0.90	3.35
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	67.27	71.94	+0.25	0.70
Far East (Pacific)	106.20	112.70	-3.30	0.51
Income Growth	67.39	71.53	-0.12	3.86
European	58.56	62.16	-1.12	1.57
Nth American	52.66	55.90	-1.56	1.29
UK Growth	71.75	76.16	-1.20	1.61
Intl Growth	79.26	84.13	-0.30	0.65
Charities	102.60	108.90	+1.60	4.60
Intl Income	58.91	62.53†	-0.11	4.41
Japan	37.45	39.75	-1.24	0.15
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	179.20	190.20†	-1.20	...
-do- Acc	191.50	203.20†	-1.30	...
Cash	101.30	101.30	+0.10	7.11
-do- Acc	127.20	127.20	+0.10	7.11
European Gth	172.50	182.80	-3.00	0.38
-do- Acc	184.70	195.70	-3.20	0.38
General	439.20	468.50	-1.40	2.73
-do- Acc	823.30	878.20	-2.80	2.73
Global Dist	125.80	132.10	+0.40	5.99
-do- Acc	137.90	144.80	+0.60	5.99
Income	130.50	139.30†	+1.50	5.23
-do- Acc	187.70	200.30†	+2.00	5.23
International	329.70	351.10†	-2.70	1.19
-do- Acc	437.60	466.00†	-3.70	1.19

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Japan	138.00	146.10†	-2.40	...
-do- Acc	141.60	150.00†	-2.40	...
New Europe	122.30	129.40	+1.50	1.55
-do- Acc	121.30	129.40	+1.50	1.55
Recovery	264.90	282.00	+6.00	3.39
-do- Acc	331.00	353.10	+7.50	3.39
European Inc	65.98	69.95†	-1.34	3.36
-do- Acc	83.70	88.74†	-1.70	3.36
Brit Blue Chip	68.72	73.21	-0.58	3.64
-do- Acc	80.47	85.72	-0.68	3.64
Portfolio	69.03	73.40	-0.46	3.28
-do- Acc	77.35	82.38	-0.50	3.28
Gold General	48.47	51.71	-0.75	4.69
-do- Acc	49.14	52.42	-0.77	4.69
Pacific	75.96	80.39	+0.55	0.71
-do- Acc	79.66	84.98	-0.59	0.71
UK Smaller Cos	45.38	48.41	+1.60	1.84
-do- Acc	50.46	53.83	+1.78	1.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD. Dealing: 0742 528 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	54.64	58.44	-0.25	3.63
-do- Acc	54.64	58.44	-0.25	3.63
British Dist	74.62	79.81	-1.60	2.70
-do- Acc	82.43	88.16	-1.77	2.70
European Gth	147.70	157.50†	-4.10	0.29
-do- Acc	185.40	197.80	-5.00	0.29
Extra High Inc	60.36	63.70†	-0.58	6.95
-do- Acc	110.40	118.10	-1.70	6.95
Gilt/Fixed Int	54.81	57.12†	-0.10	7.30
-do- Acc	142.30	148.30	-0.20	7.30
High Yield	200.70	214.70	+2.90	5.46
-do- Acc	460.70	492.70	+6.60	5.46
Income	260.30	278.40	+7.40	4.36
-do- Acc	534.40	571.50	+15.10	4.36
Japan Gth	245.00	262.00	-7.20	...
-do- Acc	258.60	276.50	-8.10	...
Mandarin Acc	80.13	85.70	-1.88	1.43
North American	155.70	166.50†	-3.80	0.43
-do- Acc	195.70	209.30	-4.80	0.43
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT. Dealing: 071 826 0826. Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	241.40	257.00†	-4.70	0.49
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00†	+0.29	5.97
Cash Acc	120.76	120.76†	+0.34	5.97
Euro Gth Acc	217.40	232.00†	-2.90	...
Europa	98.96	106.00	-0.50	...
Intl Gth	147.20	157.00	-2.90	...
Japan Tracker	53.94	57.15	-1.50	...
UK Equity Inc	134.00	144.50	+4.30	5.44
-do- Acc	161.40	174.00	+5.20	5.44
UK Ind Tracker	135.70	145.40	-0.40	3.63
US Eq Ind Trkr	179.60	192.00	-4.20	1.38
-do- Acc	189.00	202.00	-4.40	1.38
Asian Trader	120.70	131.10	-0.60	3.19
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	164.00	167.70	-2.00	2.98
European	54.03	55.36	-0.70	1.42
Olympiad	47.76	48.96	-0.46	0.83
Global Bond	45.81	46.77	-0.69	4.33
Smaller Cos	55.49	57.93	+1.87	1.87
Equity Income	87.43	89.95†	+0.96	5.15
UK Growth	79.41	81.87	+0.89	1.86
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Skilion Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222. Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	44.46	47.42	-0.93	0.76
Australian Acc	246.30	264.20	-15.70	...
Conscience	59.74	63.75†	+0.20	1.44
-do- Acc	64.11	68.42	+0.22	1.44
European	152.00	162.10	-6.10	1.33
-do- Acc	162.10	172.90	-6.60	1.33
Extra Income	68.96	73.61	-0.22	6.08
-do- Acc	103.20	110.10	+0.10	6.08
Far East Gth	127.00	135.70	-0.80	0.08
Gilt Fxd Inc	56.90	60.23	-0.25	7.65
Gold	24.88	26.75	-1.51	...
-do- Acc	26.79	28.80	-1.63	...
Income	48.63	51.86†	+0.07	5.50
-do- Acc	145.70	155.40	+0.30	5.50
International	26.01	27.90	-0.60	0.97
-do- Acc	37.37	40.09	-0.86	0.97
Jap Sm Cos Acc	227.60	242.70	-6.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	133.00	142.60	-5.70	...
Smlr Cos Acc	22.30	23.97†	+1.09	2.00
Special Sits	30.36	32.64	+0.52	1.87
-do- Acc	34.65	37.25	+0.59	1.87
Tokyo	60.20	64.21	-1.24	...
-do- Acc	60.81	64.86	-1.25	...
US Smllr Co Acc	99.77	106.70	+1.10	...
UK Equity	152.30	162.40†	-4.10	3.08
-do- Acc	282.40	301.20	-4.70	3.08
N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF. 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	64.28	68.49	-0.41	3.03
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	72.46	76.68	+0.11	7.11
N&P Higher Inc	164.70	174.80†	+5.50	5.58
N&P UK Income	92.84	99.30†	+1.65	4.41
N&P Intl	79.32	85.30	-0.31	2.36
N&P Smaller Cos	64.39	68.87	+3.09	2.00
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA. 071 407 4404				
General	146.77	156.14	+0.66	3.87
Global	235.90	250.96	-1.26	1.69
Income	181.52	193.11†	-0.51	4.98
Intl Bond	116.67	124.12	-1.22	7.17
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 508, Peterborough PE2 6BR. 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577.				
Growth	130.60	137.40	+1.00	2.49
-do- Acc	226.20	238.00	+1.70	2.49
Income	202.30	213.20	+1.40	4.08
Intl Equity	190.60	202.70	-3.50	1.26
-do- Acc	208.70	221.90	-3.90	1.26
Equity	205.20	218.20†	-0.80	2.76
-do- Acc	416.00	442.50	-1.60	2.76
UK Intl 25 Acc	63.61	67.67	-0.52	2.22
UK Income	55.48	59.01†	-0.39	3.52
UK Smllr Co Acc	61.91	65.86	+2.82	2.13
New Europe Acc	55.23	58.75	-0.70	1.72
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames. 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	72.30	77.33	+0.54	0.39
PEP Gth Inc	87.62	93.72	-0.06	1.64
Intl Gth	406.42	435.27	-7.76	0.99
Income	261.17	279.33	+4.37	4.58
W wide Recov	249.92	267.30	-0.63	1.23
American Gth	182.72	195.43	-3.50	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	150.32	160.78	-0.25	0.69
Far East Gth	154.52	165.27	+1.04	0.37
European Gth	97.59	104.38	-1.46	1.77
UK Growth	67.94	72.67	+0.79	3.58
High Income	71.20	76.15†	-1.08	5.32
Japanese Gth	146.90	156.59	-4.33	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	152.20	162.00	-1.40	1.07
High Income	99.41	105.80	+0.40	4.10
Conv Gilt	104.10	110.80†	-1.00	6.74
Far East	253.20	269.40	-6.00	0.14
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	46.74	49.72	-0.65	0.59
Emerging Mkts	51.76	55.06	+0.05	0.26

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General	45.38	48.28†	-0.37	3.54
International	74.08	78.81	-0.60	1.45
Gilt Units	24.88	25.68	-0.14	8.30
Global PEP	32.52	34.60	...	2.26
Income Gth	58.66	62.43	+0.58	5.64
European	38.18	40.62	-0.89	1.31
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.46	26.03†	+0.11	6.40
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL. 081 478 3377. Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst**	26.73	28.58	-0.11	1.99
Pru Cth Hvn Inc	101.42	101.42	+0.10	6.75
-do- Acc	103.20	103.20	+0.11	6.75
Pru Equity	629.23	672.97	-6.89	2.78
Pru Equity Inc	75.57	80.82	+1.49	4.49
Pru European	151.96	162.52†	-4.05	2.08
Pru Global Gth	71.32	76.27	-1.00	1.68
Pru High Inc	80.39	85.97†	+1.94	5.69
Pru Intl	137.01	146.53†	-3.17	1.48
Pru Intl Sm Co	58.13	62.17	-0.30	1.04
Pru Japanese	129.82	138.84	-3.81	...
Pru Nth Amer	131.41	140.54	-2.31	0.30
Pru Pacific Mkt	62.30	66.63	-1.07	2.11
Pru Prems Inc	48.00	49.97†	-0.85	7.66
Pru Smllr Cos	73.29	78.38	+2.52	2.68
Pru Spec Sits	92.75	99.19†	-0.49	3.69
Pru UK Grwth	104.68	111.95	-0.61	2.59
** Formerly Holborn Trust				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR. Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
Income	145.47	150.67	-0.91	3.95
Japan	199.41	213.84	-3.37	...
Major UK Cos	89.86	96.72†	-0.04	2.75
America Income	431.37	461.94	-4.00	0.71
-do- Acc	501.04	536.55	-4.64	0.71
Smllr UK Cos	229.10	249.49	+9.87	2.15
Smllr European	216.49	230.80	-3.11	1.83
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB. 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	66.15	70.37	-0.53	3.90
Capital Units	130.00	138.30†	-1.40	1.69
Commodity	83.84	89.19	+0.16	1.28
European Gth	133.30	141.80	-3.70	1.23
Financial Sec	150.10	159.60†	-0.10	2.37
High Return	199.30	212.00†	+0.50	5.12
High Yield	197.90	210.50	+4.00	4.75
Income Units	100.70	107.10	+3.00	7.65
Investment	150.00	159.50	-1.40	1.85
Japan Gth	102.90	108.80	-2.40	...
Japan Smaller	141.30	150.30	-1.60	...
Masterfund	40.61	43.21†	-0.06	1.35
Scotbits	218.80	232.70†	-2.40	2.38
Scotshares	235.20	250.20†	+8.30	4.17
Scotyields	214.70	228.30	+3.70	4.41
Select Intl	115.40	122.70	...	0.75
Smaller Cos	196.30	208.80	+11.50	4.91
Special Situation	100.10	106.40	+2.90	0.90
UK Equity	211.70	225.20	+0.20	3.55
US Growth	131.10	139.40	-2.50	0.37
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client Svc: 0800 526 535. Broker Svc: 0800 526 540				
American	224.84	239.82	-7.61	0.62
-do- Acc	242.90	259.08	-8.22	0.62
Australian	110.03	117.36	-7.16	0.30
-do- Acc	128.51	137.08	-8.35	0.30
UK Enterprise	187.57	200.07†	+3.47	3.86
-do- Acc	216.65	231.09	+6.49	3.86
European Gth	54.47	58.10†	-1.77	1.41
-do- Acc	56.39	60.14	-1.83	1.41
Euro Smllr Cos	47.91	51.10†	-1.12	0.82
-do- Acc	48.29	51.50	-1.13	0.82
Far Eastern Gth	55.92	59.64	-1.34	...
-do- Acc	56.82	60.61	-1.35	...
Fixed Interest	51.41	54.20	-0.32	7.07
-do- Acc	61.59	64.93	-0.38	7.07
Gilt Income	101.15	106.61	-0.98	8.80
-do- Acc	136.76	144.13	-1.33	8.80
Income	281.33	300.08	+5.46	4.44
-do- Acc	814.86	869.19	+15.80	4.44
Japan Enterprise	47.27	50.42	-1.32	...
-do- Acc	47.27	50.42	-1.32	...
Japan Smllr Cos	298.07	317.94†	-7.91	...
-do- Acc	298.67	318.57	-7.93	...
Pacific Gth	72.40	77.22	-0.78	0.89
-do- Acc	74.15	79.09	-0.80	0.89
Smaller Cos	163.26	174.14†	+6.99	1.76
-do- Acc	187.10	199.57	+8.01	1.76
Tokyo	77.10	82.24	-2.88	...
-do- Acc	77.88	83.07	-2.91	...
UK Equity	191.30	203.84†	-1.09	3.36
-do- Acc	353.88	377.47	+2.23	3.36
US Smllr Cos	114.27	121.88	-0.49	...
-do- Acc	114.27	121.88	-0.49	...
World Fd	64.55	68.85	-0.68	1.90
-do- Acc	67.53	72.03	-0.66	1.90
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ. 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	38.80	41.32	+1.46	5.23
Equity Strategy	58.19	61.97	+2.14	2.68
European Opps	63.24	67.35	-2.07	3.22
Maximum Inc	100.20	102.80	+0.08	6.74
UK Smaller Cos	44.30	47.18	+2.28	3.80
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	326.40	348.80	-1.20	3.19
American	232.80	247.10	-6.70	1.01
Pacific	255.70	273.50	-5.10	0.94
European	396.60	426.20	-10.70	1.39
Worldwide	71.30	76.26	-0.62	1.59
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN. 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	289.70	308.20†	-0.90	3.12
UK Sm Cos Eqy	182.70	194.40†	+6.10	3.09
European	292.30	311.00	-6.80	1.88
North American	238.00	253.20	-0.80	0.65
Income Plus Inc	59.49	63.29	+0.78	4.39
UK Spec Sits	62.30	66.28	+0.62	2.64
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA. 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	23.92	25.60	-0.01	3.35
Intl Growth Acc	24.39	26.11	-0.09	1.26
Global Inc Acc	28.46	30.46†	-0.22	4.13
Market Lkdg Acc	24.88	26.30	-0.05	3.18
SG TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250				
American Gth	78.88	84.36	-0.64	...
Euro Spec Sits	37.99	40.36	-0.93	...
-do- Acc	40.23	42.73	-0.99	...
Far East Opps	26.03	28.13	-0.15	...
-do- Acc	26.75	28.90	-0.15	...
General Growth	94.42	101.30	-0.20	2.52
Global Tech	115.60	124.80†	+3.00	...
Income Growth	94.09	101.20	+0.10	4.14
Income Monthly	54.02	57.37	+1.32	6.01
Japan Growth	59.40	63.15†	-1.42	...
Overseas Gth	66.21	70.44†	-0.94	...
Smaller Cos	63.69	68.48	+3.00	2.23
Special Opps	83.71	90.01	+3.32	2.98
Wld Spec Sits	39.50	42.66†	-0.14	...
-do- Acc	39.59	42.66†	-0.14	...
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ. 0800 393777				
Managed	40.95	43.51	-0.47	1.81
Equity Gth Acc	56.69	60.24	+0.67	1.13

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UK Eq General	41.57	44.11	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	53.23	56.56	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Acc	36.93	39.24	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Acc	42.88	45.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	29.53	31.23	[illegible]	[illegible]
N American Acc	42.15	44.70	[illegible]	[illegible]
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	233.40	253.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Eq High Inc	33.32	35.41	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	39.03	41.47	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Lgr Cos Inc	279.50	303.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Lgr Cos Acc	338.50	360.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N$253.26	N$253.47†	[illegible]	[illegible]
US Eq	$1.984	$1.981	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East Eq	Y198.0	Y210.3	[illegible]	
Japan Eq	Y197.2	Y209.5	[illegible]	
FT Europe	103.80	110.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT North Am	$1.660	$1.770	[illegible]	[illegible]
FT Japan	Y191.6	Y205.0	[illegible]	
FT Asia Ex Jap	100.70	107.50	+1.30	[illegible]
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh. 031 226 3271				
American	328.90	348.80	-12.10	[illegible]
British	893.20	949.00	+18.10	[illegible]
European	326.90	347.70	-5.30	[illegible]
Japan	107.60	114.90	[illegible]	...
New Pacific	255.30	271.90	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mngd Cash	94.48	95.40†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Majority Stlg	99.60	100.60†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inv Tst	164.10	173.90†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Saints PPP	329.00	346.40		
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690359				
Equity Acc	683.90	731.40†	-10.10	[illegible]
N America Acc	104.50	111.00†	-2.40	[illegible]
Far East Acc	100.30	107.30†	-1.60	[illegible]
W wide Bond	57.15	60.63	-0.99	[illegible]
European	72.02	77.03	-1.89	[illegible]
Equity Income	75.94	81.22†	+0.11	[illegible]
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ. Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	32.43	34.69	-1.18	[illegible]
Managed Assets	110.87	118.58†	-2.16	[illegible]
UK Income	34.30	36.69†	+0.11	4.12
UK Growth	34.45	36.85	-0.01	[illegible]
Worldwide Gth	27.10	28.98	-0.50	[illegible]
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE. 0264 346794				
American	187.23	199.18	-4.00	[illegible]
-do- Acc	205.61	218.76	-4.40	[illegible]
British Gth	82.05	87.29	-0.10	2.30
-do- Acc	95.75	101.86	-0.11	2.30
European	81.02	86.19	-1.30	0.83
-do- Acc	85.46	90.92	-1.40	0.83
Extra Inc	169.77	180.60	-0.31	[illegible]
-do- Acc	266.52	283.53	-0.52	[illegible]
General Unit	254.17	270.39	-1.01	2.05
-do- Acc	495.70	527.34	-1.96	2.05
Income	299.70	318.80†	-0.41	[illegible]
-do- Acc	610.45	649.42	-0.77	[illegible]
International	441.03	469.18	-12.95	0.77
-do- Acc	576.50	613.29	-16.91	0.77
Pacific	277.42	295.13	-1.34	0.11
-do- Acc	290.54	309.09	-1.40	0.11
Premier Income	49.56	51.63	-0.01	7.47
-do- Acc	100.24	104.42	-0.01	7.47
Nat Resources	80.78	85.94	+0.21	...
-do- Acc	88.50	94.24	+0.25	...
Selected Opps	89.28	94.98	+1.50	1.34
-do- Acc	111.49	118.61	+1.99	1.34
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Charlton Place, Andover, Hampshire SP10 1RE. 0264 346747				
American Eagle	113.50	121.40†	-0.93	0.43
Australia	6.030	6.500	-0.48	1.23
Equity	170.50	182.60†	+1.60	5.61
Euro Spec Sits	127.30	135.10	-2.30	0.64
Financial	34.52	36.97	+0.21	[illegible]
Global Opps Inc	79.20	84.77	+0.10	2.38
-do- Acc	82.09	87.87	+0.20	2.38
Gold Gen Inc	35.15	37.70	-1.36	1.17
-do- Acc	67.06	72.00	-2.34	1.17
Income	110.50	118.20†	+1.90	5.23
Japan General	110.80	117.90	-3.40	...
Preference	20.65	22.36†	-0.29	8.15
UK Capital	97.67	104.50	+0.80	1.23
Worldwide Cap	182.30	194.70†	-2.60	3.30
World Income	75.03	79.96†	-1.02	3.80
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF. 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	74.06	78.99	+4.55	...
-do- Acc	76.39	81.48	+4.71	...
Cash	50.77	50.77	+0.06	7.00
-do- Acc	60.43	60.43	+0.08	7.00
European Opps	54.55	58.10	-1.42	0.51
-do- Acc	55.11	58.71	-1.35	0.51
Far East Opps	122.08	130.21	-2.05	0.74
-do- Acc	124.93	133.25	-2.09	0.74
Gold/Nat. Res	31.44	33.53	-0.65	...
-do- Acc	32.34	34.49	-0.66	...
Japan	58.03	61.81	-1.69	...
-do- Acc	58.03	61.81	-1.69	...
Little Dragons	56.53	60.29	-0.22	0.83
-do- Acc	57.98	61.84	-0.23	0.83
Oriental Income	35.77	38.15	-0.28	4.17
-do- Acc	45.15	48.16	-0.35	4.17
Tiger	180.28	192.29	-0.01	1.37
-do- Acc	188.57	201.14	-0.01	1.37
UK Small Cos	80.22	84.40	+3.15	2.53
-do- Acc	69.05	73.84	+3.61	2.53
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUSTS Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7. 081 534 5544				
United Charities	209.40	223.40	+2.10	4.75
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ. 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	9.18	9.76	-0.57	0.50
Pacific Basin	26.90	28.61	-1.13	0.60
Canadian Gth	31.99	34.03	-0.31	0.10
Global Bond	$0.943	$0.983	0.00	7.40
Penny Share	18.87	20.07	+0.79	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT. 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	51.91	51.91†	-3.54	6.92
Gilt Growth	63.20	65.77†	-0.17	...
Gilt Income	50.77	52.83†	-0.21	8.60
Short Dtd Gilt	107.20	108.60	...	4.47
US Govmnt Bd	$0.702	$0.711	0.00	...
Challenger	88.00	90.04	-0.51	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG. 0785 388866				
Stockmarket Fd	64.71	68.84	+0.19	2.22

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	3,300	Carlton Cm	1,600	Land Secs	505	Scot Hydro	317
Allд-Lyons	1,900	Coats Vyla	5,700	Legal & Gn	151	Scot & New	474
Anglian W	452	Cm Union	1,100	Lloyds Bk	886	Scot Power	1,600
Argyll Gp	3,000	Courtaulds	1,700	MB Cardn	3,500	Sears	5,300
Arjo Wiggn	2,800	De La Rue	484	Marks Spr	6,500	Svrn Trent	1,100
AB Foods	136	Eng China	720	NFC	1,000	Shell Trans	4,300
BAA	1,600	Enterpr Oil	507	NatWst Bk	2,400	Siebe	1,100
BAT Inds	1,700	Fisons	1,500	Nat Power	2,800	SmKl Bch	4,300
BET	2,400	Forte	3,700	Nth Wst W	898	Smith Nph	5,200
BOC	454	GRE	3,500	Nthrn Fds	6,200	Smith (WH)	1,900
BP	6,200	GUS A	205	P & O	854	Southrn Elec	740
BT	3,900	Gen Acc	1,000	Pearson	782	Sun Allnce	1,600
BTR	2,100	Gen Elec	3,900	PowerGen	759	TI Gp	598
Bk of Scot	2,200	Glaxo	4,400	Prudential	4,200	TSB	5,300
Barclays	3,400	Granada	547	RTZ	837	Tate & Lyle	2,000
Bass	2,100	Grand Met	3,500	Rank Org	2,600	Tesco	4,900
Blue Circle	920	Guinness	2,400	Reckitt Col	1,000	Thames W	124
Boots	4,700	HSBC	10,000	Redland	2,200	Thrn EMI	599
Bowater	1,600	Hanson	6,000	Reed Intl	1,200	Tomkins	3,200
Brit Airwys	4,100	ICI	1,800	Rentokil	963	Unilever	2,200
Brit Gas	5,900	Inchcape	623	Reuters	810	Utd Bisc	3,500
Brit Steel	8,300	Kingfisher	2,900	Rolls Royce	6,800	Vodafone	1,700
Burmah Cst	1,400	Kwik Save	125	Rothmans	509	Wellcome	1,500
Cable Wire	1,900	LASMO	14,000	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000	Whitbd 'A'	953
Cadbury	1,900	Ladbroke	4,200	Sainsbury	2,500	Wlms Hld	1,700

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3253.83 (-14.86)
S&P Composite 429.24 (-1.49)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 16634.69 (-146.29)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 5529.56 (-17.76)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 96.6 (-1.0)

Sydney: AO 1502.3 (-28.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1531.52 (-10.98)

FTSE Euro 100: 1080.25 (-1.67)

Brussels:
General 5629.60 (+42.50)

Paris: CAC 483.61 (-1.54)

Zurich: SKA Gen 430.6 (-3.4)

London:
FT A All-Share n/a
FT 500 n/a
FT Gold Mines 61.9 (-0.3)
FT Fixed Interest 109.36 (-0.23)
FT Govt Secs 93.83 (-0.13)
Bargains 31824
SEAQ Volume 773.1m
USM (Datastrm) 124.40 (+0.51)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 21	January 8	March 25	April 5

Call options were taken out on 8/1/93: Amber Day, Bimec, Bridon, Brown & Jackson, Budgens, Corporate Serv, Costain, Crest Nicholson, Cullens, Fairhaven, Ferranti, Garton Eng, GUS 'A', Hanson Wts, J Ibstock, Lucas Wts, Simon Eng, SWP, Trafalgar House, Wickes, Whitecroft, YJ Lovell. Puts: Alexon, Fairhaven. Put & Call: WPP.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 46277	Mar 93	2827.0	2840.0	2817.0	2824.0	7421
	Jun 93	-			2845.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 220932	Mar 93	93.28	93.34	93.27	93.33	15854
	Jun 93	93.60	93.64	93.60	93.64	4276
	Sep 93	93.69	93.73	93.67	93.73	2172
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 18713	Mar 93	96.36	96.46	96.35	96.45	1071
	Jun 93	95.91	96.00	95.91	96.05	346
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 384374	Mar 93	92.17	92.23	92.12	92.21	36112
	Jun 93	93.04	93.09	93.01	93.07	23916
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 662	Mar 93	104-04	104-04	103-21	103-26	400
	Jun 93	-			103-19	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 57579	Mar 93	100-21	100-23	100-12	100-20	21486
	Jun 93	-			101-12	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 93	108.44	108.48	108.39	108.47	776
	Jun 93	-			107.89	0
German Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 150139	Mar 93	92.85	93.15	92.85	93.12	48303
	Jun 93	92.91	93.16	92.90	93.13	1077
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 10267	Mar 93	90.39	90.50	90.39	90.50	743
	Jun 93	91.60	91.68	91.60	91.68	466
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 37622	Mar 93	94.51	94.64	94.51	94.58	9552
	Jun 93	94.95	95.06	94.95	94.99	1176
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 22277	Mar 93	93.65	94.00	93.38	93.90	7001
	Jun 93	94.09	94.09	93.86	94.02	5

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 81.8 (day's range 81.3-81.8).

STERLING SPOT & FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8133-2.8393	2.8297-2.8393	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	51.47-51.94	51.83-51.94	3-8ds	10-16ds
Copenhagen	9.6630-9.7780	9.7550-9.7780	4¼-9ds	13½-19¾ds
Dublin	0.9620-0.9655	0.9625-0.9650	339-890ds	410-1277ds
Frankfurt	2.5060-2.5257	2.5225-2.5257	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	224.64-226.53	226.07-226.53	137-150ds	397-435ds
Madrid	177.12-179.22	178.33-179.22	129-142ds	351-376ds
Milan	2307.00-2328.00	2310.00-2327.00	9-12ds	30-35ds
Montreal	1.9541-1.9756	1.9735-1.9756	0.04-0.09ds	0.09-0.11ds
New York	1.5230-1.5410	1.5400-1.5410	0.52-0.51pr	1.43-1.41pr
Oslo	10.7570-10.8260	10.8030-10.8260	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.5040-8.6460	8.6310-8.6460	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.3270-11.4530	11.4110-11.4350	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	190.95-193.02	192.80-193.02	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	17.60-17.77	17.72-17.77	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.2901-2.3034	2.2996-2.3028	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5333-1.5388
Australia dollar	2.2847-2.2880
Bahrain dinar	0.570-0.582
Brazil cruzeiro*	20111.1-20124.4
Cyprus pound	0.7375-0.7475
Finland markka	8.327-8.443
Greece drachma	331.75-338.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.8955-11.9049
India rupee	43.67-44.63
Kuwait dinar KD	0.461-0.471
Malaysia ringgit	3.9879-3.9922
Mexico peso	4.68-4.78
New Zealand dollar	3.0068-3.0148
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6645-5.7905
Singapore dollar	2.5536-2.5569
S Africa rand (fin)	7.4178-7.6065
S Africa rand (com)	4.7394-4.7422
U A E dirham	5.548-5.672

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4869-1.4880
Austria	11.55-11.57
Belgium (Com)	33.78-33.82
Canada	1.2821-1.2826
Denmark	6.3500-6.3600
France	5.5850-5.5900
Germany	1.6400-1.6410
Hong Kong	7.7420-7.7430
Ireland	1.5970-1.6000
Italy	1500.0-1510.0
Japan	125.38-125.43
Malaysia	2.5955-2.5965
Netherlands	1.8462-1.8472
Norway	7.0180-7.0280
Portugal	147.35-147.55
Singapore	1.6620-1.6630
Spain	116.30-116.80
Sweden	7.4120-7.4220
Switzerland	1.4960-1.4970

MONEY MARKET RATES

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7 Finance Hse 7½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: n/a Low n/a Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 7½, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	7	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.16-3.12	n/a	3.26-3.23	3.43-3.40	3.86-3.83
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

TREASURY BILLS: Applics: £350m allotted: £100m; Bids: £98.415% received: 100%; Last week: £n/a % received: n/a%; Avge rate: £6.3574 % last wk £6.3338 %; Next week: £n/am.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	12-11¼	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	16-11
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $329.00-329.40 Close: $329.10-329.60 High: $329.95-330.45 Low: $327.20-327.70 Krugerrand: $328.00-330.00 (£213.00-214.50)
Sovereigns: Old $78.50-81.50 (£50.50-52.50) New $78.50-81.50 (£50.50-52.50)
Platinum: $357.00 (£232.50) Silver: $3.69 (£2.385) Palladium: $111.25 (£72.45)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	600	33	49	62	5½	17	32
(*622½)	650	4	23	35	33	44	58
ASDA	60	6	9	13	2	5½	8
(*64½)	70	3	6½	9	7	11	13
Bass	600	20	41	57	11	24	37
(*607½)	650	4	19	31	47	57	65
Boots	500	21	37	47	6	16	27
(*510)	550	4	13	25	40	45	53
Br Airways	280	12	24½	30½	5	16	26
(*280)	300	5	16½	22	19	27	38
BP	220	20	24	30	2	7	11
(*236½)	240	6	13	20	8½	15	21
	260	1½	6½	12	24	30	33
Br Steel	60	4	7½	11	2	5½	8½
(*61½)	70	1	4	7½	11	12½	15½
C & W	700	27	47	66	11	26	40
(*706½)	750	4½	24	42	45	55	68
CU	600	41	55	65	4	19	28
(*634½)	650	10	25	39	23	45	54
Courtauld	600	12	32	45	23	34	49
(*590)	650	3	15	26	66	69	78
GKN	460	16	28	38	9	26	33
(*469½)	500	3	12	22	37	55	58
Grnd Met	420	17	34	45	8	18	26
(*427½)	460	4	17	29	35	42	48
ICI	1100	23	53	75	24	70	86
(*1100½)	1150	6½	31	50	59	106	118
	1200	2½	17	40	105	147	153
Kingfshr	550	31	53	63	6	15	29
(*571)	600	6½	27	37	34	40	55
Ladbroke	180	17	27	31	4	12	21
(*193)	200	5	16	22	13	23	32
Land Sec	420	25	37	42	3	8	20
(*442½)	460	3	14	21	23	27	43
M & S	300	27	36	40	2	6	11
(*320)	330	6	17	24	10½	16	24
Sainsbury	550	20	44	52	6	16	26
(*566)	600	4	18	30	35	43	53
Shell	500	49	52	61	1	7½	12½
(*543)	550	9	17	31	12	30	34
Smkl Bch	450	30	-	-	4	-	-
(*469)	475	13	-	-	13	-	-
Storehse	180	23	30	35	1½	5½	11
(*201½)	200	5	17	25	6½	13	19
Trafalgar	80	12	16	20	1½	5	8
(*89)	90	5	10	14	5	8	13
Unilever	1050	49	71	90	6½	26	36
(*1088½)	1100	17	41	62	25	50	60
Utd Bisc	360	18	30	35	4½	16	21
(*371)	390	4	13	21	22	34	39

January 8, 1993 Tot: 25184 Call: 15672 Put: 9512 FT-SE Call: 3875 Put: 3208
*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA	750	29	49	59	25	36	49
(*746)	800	10	27	35	60	67	78
BAT Ind	950	55	68	85	16	40	49
(*980)	1000	28	43	60	38	67	75
BTR	550	20	30	38	16	31	35
(*548½)	600	4	11	18	53	67	70
Br Aero	180	31	37	46	11	24	30
(*190)	200	20	30	38	21	35	42
Br Telcm	390	14½	26	32	11	17	24
(*391½)	420	4	13	18	32	35	42
Cadbury	460	22	28	37	14	26	32
(*461½)	500	6	12	22	41	53	57
Guinness	460	47	57	67	6	17	24
(*493½)	500	21	32	43	22	35	43
GEC	260	21	28	32	3	7	13
(*274)	280	7	15½	19½	13	14½	22
Hanson	220	22	26	28½	2	5	8
(*239)	240	9	15	18	8	13	17
LASMO	160	8½	16	22	15	24	27
(*155)	180	4	10	15	30	37	41
Lucas	140	15	20	25	11	17	22
(*142½)	160	7	12	18	25	30	34
P & O	500	51	62	74	9½	30	38
(*536½)	550	22	40	46	33	57	62
Pilkingtn	100	16	22	25	4½	9	14
(*109½)	110	9½	18	21	8½	15	19
Prudential	280	22	28	31	5	13	16
(*295)	300	11	17	21	14	23	26
RTZ	650	42	57	67	14	32	40
(*673)	700	18	31	45	40	60	67
Scot New	420	41	50	58	5½	13	19
(*447½)	460	15	27	35	23	30	40
Tesco	240	31	39	42	2½	7	10
(*270)	260	18	24	28	7	14	17
Thames W	460	44	56	60	4	9	18
(*495½)	500	17	30	35	15	26	36
Vodafone	420	25	39	46	15	25	32
(*422)	460	8½	22	32	40	48	55

FT-SE INDEX (*2799½)

	2700	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950
Calls						
Jan	115	98	23	10	2	½
Feb	147	112	73	55	33	18
Mar	178	139	102	76	55	40
Apr	193	158	128	102	74	60
Jun	230	-	155	-	115	-
Puts						
Jan	4	11	28	62	96	140
Feb	31	46	66	94	116	153
Mar	45	60	82	104	134	163
Apr	55	75	93	120	141	173
Jun	77	-	110	-	180	-

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	360	18	25	38	22	27	31
(*359)	390	7	14	21	43	47	49
Amstrad	20	5	6½	7½	2	2½	3
(*23)	25	2½	3½	4	4½	5	5½
Barclays	360	32	38	43	25	30	41
(*370)	390	19	26	30	42	49	58
Blue Circ	200	22	32	37	16	26	32
(*204½)	220	13	22	29	25	39	42
Br Gas	280	21	23	29	7	14½	17½
(*288)	300	10	12½	19	17	26	29
	330	3	5½	10	43	50	51
Dixons	260	28	38	43	14	19	26
(*273½)	280	17	27	34	23	30	37
Eurotnl	330	50	63	74	15	24	30
(*357½)	360	32	46	58	26	38	45
Forte	180	23	28	32	10	19	23
(*194)	200	13	18	24	21	31	34
Glaxo	700	65	89	110	24	37	48
(*728½)	750	37	63	84	49	63	71
	800	23	43	63	83	94	105
HSBC	500	45	55	70	26	38	47
(*518½)	550	20	35	50	57	67	75
Hillsdwn	140	17	22	27	12	22	25
(*143½)	160	9	15	18	26	34	38
Lonrho	70	10½	14	16	6½	9	12
(*73½)	80	6	10	11	12	14½	17
Reuter	1400	88	112	145	73	95	118
(*1401½)	1450	59	92	125	105	123	137
R-Royce	110	15	18	23	7½	11	13
(*119)	120	9½	13	17½	12	16	19
Sears	100	9½	11	14	6	10	11
(*102)	110	5	7½	10	13	14	15
Thrn Emi	850	49	72	83	26	35	50
(*860)	900	21	46	57	52	61	78
TSB	140	21	24	28	4½	7½	10
(*157)	160	9	11½	18	14	18	20
Vaal Reefs	25	5½	6	5½	2½	3	4
(*$28)	30	2½	4	4	5½	6	7½
Wellcome	900	88	112	135	25	44	55
(*943½)	950	58	84	107	45	68	77
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Fisons	240	15	31	40	9	21	32
(*247)	260	6½	22	31	22	33	45
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastn Elc	400	30	42	-	7	13	-
(*428½)	430	12	-	-	20	-	-
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Nat Pwr	260	23	30	34	7½	11	17
(*275½)	280	11	19½	22½	17	21	27
Scot Pwr	220	19	25	30	4	7	11½
(*237)	240	7	14	19	13	16	22

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Robusta coffee futures finished with trimmed gains with the recent upside technical correction appearing to have run out of steam. The general view of the wheat market, while no fresh news emerges, is that prices will tend to drift lower in the short term attracting shipper scale down buying. Barley held Thursday's gains and added to them during the day, but volumes remained thin.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

Mar	692-691	May	790-788
May	706-704	Jul	802 SLR
Jul	719-718	Sep	817-814
Sep	733-732	Dec	839-830
Dec	753-752		
Mar	776-774		Volume: 9650

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	945-942	Sep	936-934
Mar	950-949	Nov	948-941
May	933-932	Jan	958-947
Jul	925-924		Volume: 4260

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Oct	188.0-86.0
Spot: unq		Dec	193.0-89.0
Mar	181.0-80.2	Mar	194.0-90.0
May	186.0-84.0	May	195.0-91.0
Aug	187.0-85.0		Volume: 13

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	242.7-42.5
Spot: 248.6		Dec	246.6-45.5
Mar	247.7-47.5	Mar	248.2-46.5
May	249.4-49.1	May	251.2-47.5
Aug	254.9-54.5		Volume: 905

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 8

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	75.07	88.61	116.42
(+/-)	n/a	+1.83	-2.58
Eng/Wales:	75.07	88.36	116.44
(+/-)	n/a	+1.54	+2.53
(%)	n/a	+113.6	+119.4
Scotland:	n/a	90.13	116.35
(+/-)	n/a	+3.52	-2.96
(%)	n/a	+58.8	+197.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Feb	unq	unq	Jun	unq	unq
May	unq	unq		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	135.25
Mar	136.40
May	138.30
Jun	139.50
Sep	107.75
	Volume: 280

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	130.65
Mar	133.15
May	134.30
Sep	106.15
Nov	109.10
	Volume: 38

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Feb	155.00
Apr	153.50
Jun	144.00
Aug	146.00
Oct	150.00
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	63.0	62.8
May	unq	71.8
Apr	90.0	90.5
		Volume: 11

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Feb 64.25-63.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): A vast surplus of crude avails outweighed any US/Iraqi concerns and the price erosion continued.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.20	-0.40
Brent 15 day (Jan)	17.30	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb)	17.50	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	18.85	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	19.00	-0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	187 (n/c)	188 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	168 (-3)	169 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Jan	173 (-3)	175 (-3)
Non EEC 1H Feb	172 (-3)	173 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	69 (n/c)	70 (n/c)
Naphtha	120 (n/c)	122 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jan	165.75-66.00	Apr	165.50 BID
Feb	166.25 SLR	May	165.00-65.25
Mar	166.00-66.25	Jun	165.00 BID
			Vol: 23887

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	17.51-17.53	May	unq
Mar	17.66-17.68	Jun	unq
Apr	17.77 BID		Vol: 27682

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jan	183.00-84.00	Apr	195.00-96.00
Feb	185.00-87.00	May	unq
Mar	187.00-90.00		Vol: 443

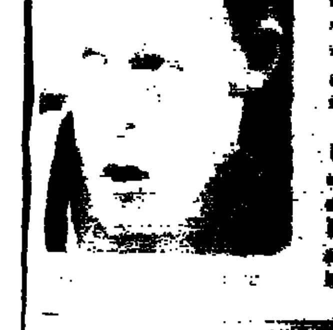
BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 93	1261	1256	1260
Feb 93	1235	1230	1233
Mar 93	1240	1235	1233
Apr 93	1235	1231	1235

Vol: 261 lots Open int'st: 3228 Index 1324 -14

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1548.5-1549.0	1564.5-1565.0	1498350
Lead (£/tonne)	291.50-292.00	302.50-303.00	55200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1050.5-1051.0	1069.0-1070.0	305225
Tin ($/tonne)	5870.0-5872.0	5930.0-5940.0	12520
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1200.0-1200.5	1222.5-1223.0	896775
Nickel ($/tonne)	6105.0-6110.0	6175.0-6178.0	54144



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France recall Camberabero for the five nations' championship match with England

French aim to play to their strengths

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE French have done what England feared they would. For the opening match of the five nations' championship, at Twickenham next Saturday, they have selected their most experienced XV and included the best tactical director and goalkicker in the country. If that sounds obvious, it is not what France did last year.

During 1992, Pierre Berbizier, the coach, was possessed with looking towards 1995, World Cup year, at some cost to the present. In ten internationals France lost to England, Scotland, South Africa and — the final ignominy — Argentina, three of those defeats coming at home.

Since that November day in Nantes when the Pumas triumphed by 24-20, Berbizier has made his peace with Didier Camberabero, the Béziers stand-off half who earlier this season announced his international retirement. Since Camberabero holds the world points-scoring record of thirty in one match and, in 1991, had developed into a tactician of no mean ability, it must be a positive move.

Only seven players survive from Nantes and of those, Jean-François Tordo, captains the side from hooker rather than flanker and Abdelatif Benazzi resumes the fruitful second-row partnership with Olivier Roumat of the second international against South Africa in October.

Ten of those who shared in that 29-16 victory in Paris will be at Twickenham. Significantly that game was one of the most disciplined French performances in years, compared with the subsequent outing against Argentina who won by kicking seven penalties and a dropped goal.

"We have picked a pack which will, we hope, gain the respect of the opposition," Guy Laporte, the chairman of selectors, said. "England is the reference point in rugby but we are not going there to challenge them at their own game. We have the same chance of winning that Argentina had in Nantes."

England's senior and A sides to play France train tomorrow at Twickenham and the Bank of England ground respectively, players in the A side doubtless regretting the Rugby Football Union's decision that no caps will be awarded during this summer's visit to North America.

England are due to play internationals against the United States and Canada but because of the number of leading players who, it is assumed, will tour with the British Isles in New Zealand at the same time, the RFU will not give caps — even though they played a full-cap international against Canada in October and the US in the last two World Cups.

Scotland can look forward to a hectic four years according to the revised schedule of international tours involving the four home unions. This year they co-host New Zealand, next year South Africa, 1995 Western Samoa (hard on the heels of the World Cup) and 1996 Australia.

England had been due to share with Wales the visit of South Africa in 1994 but because they received them for four matches last autumn, and Scotland could not because of rebuilding at Murrayfield, the Scots are accorded the privilege. Since, at the same time, the Scots have overseas tours organised (including New Zealand in 1996) their leading players will be pleading for danger money by the summer of 1997, never mind commercial earnings.

Ireland will decide a replacement for the injured full back, Jim Staples, over the weekend for their game against Scotland. Wales, who are not involved in the five nations' championship until February 6, are anxious that hamstring damage may prevent Ieuan Evans, their captain, appearing against England in Cardiff.

FRANCE (v England): J-B Lafond (Béziers, 32 caps); P Saint-André (Montferrand, 23), P Bella (Agen, 84), T Lacroix (Dax, 8), P Hontas (Biarritz, 5); D Camberabero (Béziers, 33), A Hueber (Toulon, 8); L Armary (Lourdes, 29), J-F Tordo (Nice, captain, 9), L Seigne (Merignac, 3), P Benetton (Agen, 8), A Benazzi (Agen, 14), O Roumat (Dax, 30), L Cabannes (Racing Club, 19), M Cecillon (Bourgoin, 27). Replacements: S Dugier (Toulouse, 2), F Mesnel (Racing Club, 50), J Cazalbou (Toulouse, 0), S Graou (Auch, 1), F Landreau (Grenoble, 0), E Melville (Toulon, 8).

FRANCE A (v England A, January 15): O Campan (Agen); P Bernat-Salles (Pau), H Coutilignat (Colomiers), M Marfaing (Toulouse), D Berty (Toulouse); A Penaud (Brive), G Accoceberry (Tyrosse, captain), L Benezech (Racing Club), E Dassalmanini (Toulon), L Vergé (Bègles), L Loppy (Toulon), H Chaffardon (Grenoble), C Mougeot (Bègles), J-M Lhermet (Montferrand), J-J Albert (Bègles). Replacements: J-C Lazan (Tarbes), (Graulhet), F Seguier (Castres), H Guiraud (Nîmes), P Gimbert (Bègles), J Lamaur (Racing Club).

TOURS SCHEDULE: 1993: British Isles to New Zealand; England to US/Canada; Scotland to Fiji/Samoa; New Zealand to Scotland/England; Japan to Wales. 1994: Ireland to Australia; England to South Africa; Scotland, Wales to Argentina; South Africa to Scotland/Wales; Canada to France/Ireland. 1995: World Cup; Western Samoa to England/Scotland. 1996: Scotland to New Zealand; Argentina to England; Australia to Scotland/Ireland. 1997: British Isles to South Africa; England to Argentina; England to Italy; New Zealand to England/Wales. 1998: England to New Zealand; Ireland to South Africa; Wales to Fiji/Samoa; South Africa to Scotland/Ireland. 1999: Scotland to South Africa; World Cup; Italy to England.

Camberabero: not only an outstanding kicker but also a shrewd tactician

Critics advocating a restructuring of Scottish season

BY ALAN LORIMER

SCOTLAND'S national league programme resumes today, after an eight week break, amid a debate about its format, with the players beginning to join in. Some want the first division title to be settled before Christmas, allowing the second half of the season be devoted to representative rugby, with a cup competition introduced to sustain interest at club level.

Three of Scotland's four new caps for the game against Ireland — Derek Stark, Alan Sharp and Andrew Reed — have opted out of their club commitments but Iain Morrison plays for London Scottish and Derek Turnbull, recalled to international duty after an absence of 15 months, will be in the **Hawick** side for their match against **Kelso**, for whom John Jeffrey will be at No. 8.

Hawick need a win to pull themselves out of what will be a competitive lower tier as clubs fight to avoid relegation while **Dundee High School FP** must defeat **Stirling County** to have any chance of surviving in the first division. **Heriot's FP** who face **Watsonians** at Goldenacre will be strengthened up front by the return of Andy Macdonald, their Scotland B lock, and Ken Milne, the Scotland hooker.

Melrose, the championship leaders, have a difficult match at Old Anniesland against **Glasgow High/Kelvinside**, whose pack, which includes the Scotland trialists, Alan Watt and Shade Munro, could be too strong for the Melrose eight. Closely challenging Melrose are **Gala**, who will be without the injured Gregor Townsend for their game against **Jed-Forest**, for whom the return of Gary Armstrong has been the revitalising factor this season. It was in the equivalent league game last season that he damaged knee ligaments, an injury which kept him out of the five nations' championship.

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

Courage championship First division

Bath v Rugby

Bath prefer Hilton to Crompton at loose-head prop in the absence of Chilcott, but otherwise have their full complement of internationals available, including Ubogu at tight-head. Rugby, however, remain without Revan, their England B prop, and field Jenkins at No. 8 in the absence, through illness, of Charles.

L Irish v Gloucester

The Irish are without two injured internationals, Staples and Robinson, but a third, Halpin, has recovered from a neck injury and will play in the front row. Cobbe comes in at full back against a Gloucester side desperate to move away from the relegation zone. Ashmead moves to No. 8, leaving room at flanker for Glanville.

L Scottish v W Hartlepool

Scottish offer league debuts to Wichary (wing) and Nisbet (lock), but are without the injured Gilchrist at hooker, where Mair plays. Morrison foregoes the traditional rest before his first international against a West side that includes Havery, making his league debut, at scrum half instead of the injured Wrigley.

Northampton v Leicester

Both clubs need victory to keep up the pressure on the leading teams. Northampton, without the injured Hunter, move Steele to full back and bring in Tubb to partner Dawson. Beal moves to centre. Wells has recovered from a shoulder injury and leads a Leicester team that includes Kardooni at scrum half.

Orrell v Harlequins

Orrell play Wellens at stand-off against opponents they have beaten with some regularity in the league and need to again to emerge from the bottom four. Harlequins field five internationals and restore Thompson at centre while Molineux remains on the wing

Saracens v Wasps

The two north London clubs are at opposite ends of the table but Saracens, second bottom, are at strength and last season registered their first win over Wasps for 11 years. Since then, Wasps have become league leaders and can afford to leave out Hopley from their midfield, though they bring in Scrase on the wing to replace the injured Pilgrim.

Heineken league First division

Aberavon v Newbridge

Aberavon, edging away from the danger zone, have Alan Davies available from Ystradgynlais and he is expected to play scrum half. Newbridge, one place lower but with a game in hand, have Harries at full back and play Burnell in their back row.

Swansea v Maesteg

Maesteg, second from bottom, hope to take advantage of Swansea's missing international-squad players. The league champions agreed to play the postponed fixture despite having seven absentees, though their regular rotation of players means they will not be short of first-team experience

Corless complains after Northampton lose Hunter

Beal: moved to centre

BY DAVID HANDS

THE Wales management was not unhappy that bad weather caused the postponement of much of the league programme last weekend. It left them certain that the national training squad remained, more or less, in one piece for the visit to Lanzarote this week.

No such luck for England. The Courage Clubs Championship resumes today after a six-week lay-off with 13 of the 15 players who meet France at Twickenham next week heartily involved. The two absentees are Rob Andrew, still ineligible to resume for Wasps, and Ian Hunter, the Northampton full back.

Hunter withdrew from the team to play Leicester at Franklins Gardens with a hamstring injury acquired training with the national squad in Lanzarote. Barrie Corless, the Northampton director of rugby, joined the lengthening queue of club administrators who resent matching the demands they must make with those of England.

"The demands of the England coaching staff are just getting more and more," Corless said. "There is going to come a time when the players won't be club players, they will just be internationals. But clubs are the bread and butter, where players learn their rugby. It is crazy we should be treated in this way.

"I know the international side is the shop window but the players are only human and have other things to think about besides international rugby. You have to ask how much has been taken out of them by this Lanzarote trip. They look drained to me."

It will be small comfort to Corless that few clubs have fielded a full-strength side on any significant occasion since the end of November. Harlequins, who had five away with England, made do with one training night before today's game with Orrell to ensure the quintet had at least one free evening after returning home on Tuesday.

Northampton's response, in a game critical to the Midland sides if they are to sustain the pressure on the leaders, is to move John Steele to full back and bring in Sebastian Tubb at stand-off half. He will form a new midfield with Nick Beal, who moves off the wing into the centre — which Corless regards as his best position — after his divisional exploits with the South-West.

Leicester, whose last full outing was against the Barbarians after Christmas ("Different game, different rules," Tony Russ, their director of rugby, observed drily) may still move the ball to the Underwoods on the wings, where Neil Back can support rather earlier than Northampton's big back row of Shelford, Rodber and Walton.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

Premier League

Arsenal v Sheffield Utd
Blackburn v Wimbledon
Chelsea v Manchester City
Coventry v Nottm Forest
Crystal Palace v Everton
Ipswich v Oldham
Leeds v Southampton
Liverpool v Aston Villa
Manchester Utd v Tottenham
Middlesbrough v QPR

First division

Birmingham v Luton
Brentford v Leicester
Bristol City v Newcastle
Charlton v Tranmere
Grimsby v Bristol Rov
Notts County v Millwall
Oxford v Swindon
Peterborough v Barnsley
Portsmouth v Southend
Sunderland v Cambridge
Watford v Wolverhampton

Second division

Bournemouth v Blackpool
Brighton v Stoke
Leyton Orient v Hartlepool
Mansfield v Chester
Plymouth v Huddersfield
Port Vale v Burnley
Preston v Hull
Rotherham v Reading
Stockport v Bradford
Swansea v Fulham
West Bromwich v Bolton
Wigan v Exeter

Third division

Bury v Walsall
Carlisle v Cardiff
Crewe v Chesterfield
Darlington v Halifax
Hereford v York
Lincoln v Maidstone
Scarborough v Shrewsbury P
Wrexham v Torquay

Tennents Scottish Cup Third round

Aberdeen v Hamilton
Airdrie v Clydebank
Arbroath v Morton
Clyde v Celtic
Cove Rangers v East Stirling
Dundee Utd v Meadowbank
Dunfermline v Ayr
Falkirk v Berwick
Hearts v Huntly
Hibernian v St Mirren
Kilmarnock v Raith
Motherwell v Rangers
Partick v Cowdenbeath
St Johnstone v Forfar
Stirling v East Fife

Scottish League Second division

Albion v Queen of South
Stenhousemuir v Alloa
Stranraer v Montrose

Vauxhall FA Trophy First round

Barrow v Billingham Synthonia
Basingstoke v Kingstonian
Bishop Auckland v Leek
Dover v Hastings
Famborough v Abingdon Town
Gateshead v Gretna
Grays v Stafford
Heybridge Swifts v Worcester
Hyde v Runcorn
Kettering v Bromsgrove
Kidderminster v Enfield
Macclesfield v Witton
Manne v Blyth Spartans
Merthyr v Wivenhoe
Morecambe v Frickley
Murton v Nuneaton
Northallerton v Whitby
Spennymoor v Boston
St Albans v Weston-super-Mare
Stalybridge v Accrington Stanley
Stevenage Borough v Bath
Sutton Utd v Woking
Telford v Northwich
VS Rugby v Chesham
Warrington v Guisborough
Welling v Aylesbury
Winsford v Altrincham
Wycombe v Cheltenham
Yeading v Slough
Yeovil v Dagenham and Redbridge

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards v Ballyclare; Crusaders v Portadown; Distillery v Ballymena; Glenavon v Cliftonville; Larne v Glentoran; Linfield v Bangor; Newry v Coleraine; Omagh Town v Carrick.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Afan Lido v Abergavenny; Bangor v Caersws; Briton Ferry v Inter Cardiff; Ebbw Vale v Maesteg Park; Holywell v Mold; Llanelli v Aberystwyth (2.30); Newtown v Llanidloes; Porthmadog v Conwy.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Haverfordwest v Rhyl (2.30).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Marlow; Hendon v Carshalton; Windsor and Eton v Dulwich; Wokingham v Bognor. First division: Boreham Wood v Barking; Chalfont St Peter v Molesey; Lewes v Tooting and Mitcham; Leyton v Dorking; Purfleet v Croydon; Uxbridge v Hitchin; Wembley v Bishops Stortford; Whyteleafe v Aveley. Second division: Barton v Berkhamsted; Edgware v Southall, Egham v Banstead Athletic; Hereford v Newbury; Hungerford v Maiden Vale; Leatherhead v Witham; Metropolitan Police v Hampton; Ruislip Manor v Rainham; Tilbury v Hemel Hempstead; Were v Chertsey; Worthing v Saffron Walden. Third division: Aldershot Town v Cove; Bracknell v Feltham and Hounslow; Epsom and Ewell v Kingsbury; Flackwell Heath v Leighton; Hertford v Camberley; Tring v Hornchurch. Associate Members Cup: Preliminary round: East Thurrock v Collier Row.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay v Goole; Gainsborough v Droylsden; Matlock v Fleetwood, Moseley v Horwich; Southport v Buxton; Whitley Bay v Chorley. First division: Alfreton v Lancaster City; Congleton v Harrogate; Curzon Ashton v Eastwood Town; Great Harwood v Farsley Celtic; Gutseley v Ashton United; Knowsley v Shepshed Albion; Nethertield v Bridlington Town; Rossendale v Caernarfon; Worksop v Workington

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Dorchester; Cambridge City v Crawley; Corby v Halesowen; Gloucester v Burton; Hednesford v Chelmsford; Solihull v Waterlooville, Weymouth v Moor Green. Midland division: Dudley v RC Warwick; Grantham v Barr; Gresley v Forest Green; Hinckley v Yate; King's Lynn v Bedworth; Redditch v Tamworth; Rushden and Diamonds v Stourbridge; Sutton Coldfield v Newport AFC. Southern division: Andover v Braintree; Ashford v Fareham; Baldock v Canterbury City; Buckingham v Burnham; Bury v Gravesend and Northfleet; Dunstable v Poole; Fisher Athletic v Sittingbourne; Havant v Erith and Belvedere; Margate v Witney; Newport IOW v Sudbury.

ABACUS LEAGUE: First division: Ammanford v Pembroke; Caldicot v Cardiff Civil Service; Ferndale v Aberaman.

AFA SENIOR CUP: Old Wilsonians v Old Hamptonians; Carshalton v Old Aloysians; Enfield v Old Ignatians; Cardinal Manning Old Boys v Old Tiffinian, Glyn Old Boys v Old Esthamelans; Old Elizabethans v Old Meadonians; Old Isleworthians v Old Monowans; Old Tollingtonians v Midland Bank, Winchmore Hill v Old Menorians; Broomfield v Tansley; Nottsborough v Old Bestonians.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough v Salford City; Flixton v Maine Road (Man); Newcastle Town v Blackpool Rovers; St Helens v Kidsgrove Athletic. Challenge Cup: Bamber Bridge v Blackpool Mechanics; Burscough v Eastwood Hanley; Ellesmere Port v Nantwich; Glossop North End v Bradford Park Avenue; Maghull v Cheadleton; Stantondale v Prescot; Westhoughton v Atherton LR.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Clevedon; Chippenham v Elmore; Dawlish v Frome; Minehead v Mangotsfield; Paulton v Chard; Torquay United v Exmouth; Torrington v Taunton; Westbury v Plymouth Argyle.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic v Great Yarmouth; Brightlingsea v Haverhill; Chatteris v Lowestoft; Diss v Histon; Gorleston v Harwich and Parkeston; March v Felixstowe; Newmarket v Comard; Stowmarket v Tiptree; Wisbech v Halstead.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield v Pickering; Belper v Thackley; Denaby v Armthorpe Wel; Harrogate RA v Glasshoughton Wel; North Ferriby v Ossett Town; Ossett Albion v Sheffield; Pontefract Col v Brigg; Stocksbridge PS v Maltby MW; Winterton Rangers v Liversedge.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon v Ferryhill Athletic; Chester Le Street v Hebburn; Essington Colliery v Consett; Newcastle Blue Star v Durham City; Seaham Red Star v Peterlee Newtown; South Bank v Stockton (at Ferryhill Athletic); Tow Law v West Auckland.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton v West Ham, Fulham v Watford; Gillingham v Arsenal; Ipswich v Portsmouth; Leyton Orient v Cambridge United; Millwall v Norwich; QPR v Chelsea; Tottenham v Southend. Second division: Brentford v Bristol Rovers; Bristol City v Reading; Crystal Palace v Bournemouth; Luton v Tottenham; Oxford United v Wimbledon; Southampton v Brighton; Swindon v Colchester.

WELSH INTERMEDIATE CUP: Blaenrhondda v Pontypridd; Brymbo v CPD Felinfoel; Carmarthen Bay v Welshpool Lav.U v Chirk; AAA; Llanllwchaiarn v Mostyn, Llangefni v Penrhyncoch; Morda v Penycae; Morrision v Rhos; Porthcawl v Port Talbot Athletic; Prestatyne St Andrews v Gresford Athletic; Ragged School v Bridgend, Ruthin v Llansantffraid; Tongwynlais v Llangeinor; Ton Pentre v Cardiff Corinthians; Treharris Athletic v Brecon Corinthians; Trelewis Welfare v Kenfig Hill

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: First round: Old Cholmeians v Old Wellingburians. Premier division: Old Carthusians v Old Reptonians; Old Etonians v Old Bradfieldians; Old Malvernians v Lancing Old Boys. First division: Old Haileyburians v Old Harrovians; Old Salopians v Old Brentwoods; Old Westminsters v Old Foresters; Old Witeians v Old Aldenhamians; Old Wykehamists v Old Ardinians.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Tenterdonians v Old Danes.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Mill Hill Village v Old Fairlopians; Old Finchleians v Old Grammarians; Old Owens v Southgate County.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Civil Service v West Wickham; Old Parkonians v Old Bromleians; Barclays Bank v Lansbury; Southgate Olympic v Polytechnic; Alleyn Old Boys v Merton; Cuaco v Bank of England; East Barnet OG v Brentham; Old Lyonians v Old Latymerians; Royal Bank of Scotland v Old Westminster Citizens

WOMEN'S FA CUP: First round: Abbeydale v Millwall Lionesses.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Bronte v Stanton Rangers; Ipswich Town v Maidstone Tigresses; Knowsley United v Arsenal. First division north: Leasowe Pacific v Cowgate Kestrels; Notts Argyle v Sheffield Wednesday; St Helens v Milton Keynes; Sunderland v Wolverhampton. First division south: Bristol Beckwell v Hemel Hempstead; District Line v Town and County; Hassocks Beacon v Oxford; Epsom and Ewell v Brighton; Saltdean United v Horsham.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Cheshire Jets v Sunderland Saints. Third division: Stevenage Phoenix v Mid Sussex Magic Women: Second division: Camberley Golden Eagle v Doncaster Free Press.

NATIONAL CUP: Men: Quarter-finals: Derby v Leicester; Were v Worthing Women: Quarter-finals: London YMCA v Northampton; Chesham v Sheffield.

NATIONAL TROPHY: Men: Quarter-finals: Bury v Crystal Palace; Cardiff v Plymouth.

HOCKEY

EUROPEAN NATIONS WOMEN'S INDOOR CUP: Crystal Palace: Czechoslovakia v Austria; Spain v Scotland; England v Denmark; Germany v France; Scotland v Czechoslovakia; Spain v Austria; Denmark v France; England v Germany.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Hampstead v Old Loughtonians; Hounslow v Reading; St Albans v Richmond; Surbiton v Old Kingstonians; Teddington v Wimbledon.

GLENFIDDICH INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Glasgow).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy Semi-final

Bradford Northern v Castleford (at Valley Parade, Bradford, 3.0)

RUGBY UNION

3.0 unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship First division

Bath v Rugby
London Irish v Gloucester
London Scottish v West Hartlepool (2.15)
Northampton v Leicester
Orrell v Harlequins (2.30)
Saracens v Wasps (2.15)

Second division

Blackheath v Rossiyn Park
Coventry v Richmond
Newcastle Gosforth v Wakefield
Nottingham v Fylde
Sale v Moseley
Waterloo v Bedford (2.15)

Third division

Askeans v Aspatria (2.30)
Broughton Park v Otley (2.15)
Exeter v Havant
Liverpool St Helens v Clifton (2.30)
Redruth v Sheffield (2.30)

Fourth division north

Durham v Rotherham (2.15)
Harrogate v Preston Grasshoppers (2.15)
Hereford v Stourbridge (2.30)
Kendal v Towcestrians (2.0)
Nuneaton v Walsall
Stoke v Winnington Park (2.30)

Fourth division south

Basingstoke v Metropolitan Police (2.30)
Camborne v Southend (2.30)
High Wycombe v Maidstone (2.30)
Lydney v London Welsh (2.30)
North Walsham v Sudbury (2.30)
Weston-super-Mare v Thurrock (2.30)

McEwan's Scottish League First division

all 2.0

Boroughmuir v Edinburgh Academicals
Dundee HSFP v Stirling County
Gala v Jed-Forest
Glasgow High Kelvinside v Melrose
Heriots FP v Watsonians
Kelso v Hawick
Selkirk v Currie

Second division

Ayr v Edinburgh Wanderers
Clarkston v Glasgow Academicals
Kirkcaldy v Wigtownshire
Musselburgh v Grangemouth
Peebles v Dunfermline
Stewarts Mel FP v Kilmarnock
West of Scotland v Preston Lodge

THIRD DIVISION: Haddington v Morgan Academicals FP; Howe of Fife v Portobello FP; Dumfries v Hillhead and Jordanhill; Gordonians v Bigger, Corstorphine v Perthshire; St Boswells v Langholm; Hutchenson's Aloysians v Royal High.

Heineken Welsh League First division

Aberavon v Newbridge (2.30)
Swansea v Maesteg (2.30)

Second division

Glamorgan Wanderers v Dunvant (2.30)

THIRD DIVISION: Aberavon Quins v Treorchy; Abercynon v Kenfig Hill, Bonymaen v Mountain Ash, Pontypool Utd v Rumney, St Peters v Blackwood; Wrexham v Tumble.

FOURTH DIVISION: Cardiff Quins v Garndiffaith, Cardigan v Kidwelly; Colwyn Bay v Cilfynydd, Tondu v Builth Wells; Vardre v Carmarthen; Cardiff HSOB Harlequins v Ruthin

Insurance Corporation All Ireland League

All 2.30

First division

Ballymena v Old Wesley
St Mary's College v Dungannon
Young Munster v Greystones

Second division

Bangor v Instonians
Clontarf v Wanderers
Lansdowne v Blackrock College
Old Crescent v Dolphin
Terenure v Galwegians

Club matches

Bristol v Loughborough Students
Cross Keys v Pontypool (2.30)
Llanelli v Narberth (2.30)
Morley v Leeds (2.30)
Neath v Llandovery (2.30)
Newport v Penarth (2.30)
Pontypridd v Llanharan (2.30)

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Barking v Streatham-Croydon; Guildford and Godalming v Dorking; Old Colfeians v Tabard; Old Geytonians v Eton Manor; Old Mid-Whitgiftians v Old Alleynian; Sidcup v Ealing. Second division north: Chingford v Old Edwardians; Ipswich v Chelmsford; Lensbury v Rustlip; Norwich v Cambridge; Upper Clapton v Bishop's Stortford; Woodford v Finchley. Second division south: Gravesend v Camberley; KCS Old Boys v Esher; Old Blues v Westcombe Park; Old Juddian v Worthing, Old Reigatian v US Portsmouth; Thanet Wanderers v Lewes Third division north-west: Grasshoppers v Old Merchant Taylors', Harpenden v Staines; Letchworth v Welwyn, Old Elizabethans v Hertford, Old Millhillians v Old Albanians; Old Verulamians v Kingsbunians. Third division north-east: Campion v Braintree; Canvey Island v Brentwood; Rochford v Basildon; Romford and Gidea Park v Canabnglan; Westcliff v Colchester; Woodbridge v Chelmsford. Third division south-east: Beckenham v Hove; Brighton v Horsham, East Grinstead v Crawley; Gillingham Anch v Dartfordians; Old Brockleians v Old Beccehamian. Third division south-west: Cranleigh v Eastleigh, Guy's Hospital v Winchester; Old Emanuel v Jersey, Old Wimbledonians v Millbrook; Portsmouth v Alton, Warlingham v Purley.

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Bridgen v St Ives; Cheltenham v Salisbury; Cinderford v Reading; Henley v Newbury; Penryn v Torquay; Sherborne v Maidenhead. Second division: Aylesbury v Oxford; Barnstaple v Clevedon; Combe Down v Marlow; Matson v Bridgwater; Old Culverhayslans v Taunton; Windsor v Stroud. Western Counties: Avonmouth v Launceston. Bideford v Penzance-Newlyn; Crediton v Okehampton; Drybrook v Gloucester Old Boys; Plymouth CS v Spartans; Wadebridge v Tiverton. Southern Counties: Abbey v Redingensians, Bicester v Swanage and Wareham, Bletchley v Dorchester; Chippenham v Bracknell; Olney v Bournemouth; Slough v Wimborne Cornwall and Devon: Bude v Exmouth; Devonport Services v Ivybridge; Exeter Saracens v Hayle, Liskeard-Looe v Teignmouth; Newquay Hornets v Sidmouth; Saltash v Truro Gloucester and Somerset: Bristol Harlequins v Frome, Cirencester v Old Redcliffians; Coney Hill v Keynsham; Dings Crusaders v Old Patesians; Old Sulians v Whitehall; Thornbury v Oldfield Old Boys. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: Aldermaston v Swindon; Bournemouth Poly v Corsham; Devizes v Melksham, Lytchet Matrav v Wootton Bassett, North Dorset v Bradford-on-Avon. Bucks and Oxon: Abingdon v Milton Keynes; Beaconsfield v Witney; Chesham v Pennanians, Chinnor v Buckingham, Drifters v Oxford Marathon; Oxford Old Boys v Wheatley

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Hull Ionians v Wharfedale, Lymm v Bradford and Bingley; Middlesbrough v Hartlepool RVS; Stockton v Widnes, Vale of Lune v Northern; Wigton v Sandal. Second division: Alnwick v Birkenhead Park; Huddersfield v Wigan, Manchester v Halifax; Sandbach v West Park (St Helens); West Park Bramhope v Northwich; York v Carlisle. First division north-east: Blaydon v Pontefract; Bridlington v Morpeth, Gateshead Fell v Old Brodleians; Redcar v Bramley; Selby v Novos; Thornensians v Keighley. Second division: Acklam v Ripon; Beverley v Hull; Bishop Auckland v Blyth; Cleckheaton v Ashington; Horden v Driffield; Weslee v Doncaster First division north-west: Blackburn v St Edwards Old Boys; Caldy v Sedgley Park; Chester v Wirral; Egremont v New Brighton, Macclesfield v Ashton on Mersey, Mersey Police v Cockermouth. Second division: Kirkby Lonsdale v Old Salians; Netherhall v Oldershaw; Ormskirk v Wilmslow; Rochdale v South Liverpool; Rossendale v Old Aldwinians; Vagabonds v Warrington, Durham and Northumberland: Consett v Whitby; Darlington RA v Percy Park; Guisborough v Mowden Park; Ryton v Sunderland; Seaham v Seghill, West Hartlepool TDS Old Boys v Hartlepool. Cumbria and Lancs north: De La Salle (Salford) v Tyldesley; Metrowick v Calder Vale; Oldham v Moresby; Penrith v Keswick; St Benedicts v Upper Eden; Vickers v Furness. Cheshire and Lancs south: Altrincham Kersal v Aspull, Crewe and Nantwich v Eagle, Liverpool College v St Mary's Old Boys, Newton-le-Willows v Leigh; Southport v Ruskin Park.

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Derby v Leamington, Leighton Buzzard v Westleigh; Barkers Butts v Newark; Camp Hill v Mansfield; Wolverhampton v Bedworth; Vipers v Syston; Paviors v Birmingham Solihull. Second division: Burton v Matlock; Broad Street v Moderns; Bedford Athletic v Peterborough, Worcester v Stafford; Whitchurch v Stockwood Park. First division east: Amber Valley v Scunthorpe; Ampthill v Melksh; Belgrave v Luton; Chesterfield v Henley; Stoneygate v Stewart and Lloyds. West Bridgeford v Spalding. Second division: Kettering v Long Buckby; Kesteven v Lutterworth; Glossop v Northampton BB; Coalville v South Leicester, Worksop v Southwell, Wellingborough v Stamford; Market Rasen v Lincoln. First division west: Kings Norton v Newcastle; Leek v Newbold, Dudley v Old Halesonians; Bromsgrove v Old Leamingtonians; Willenhall v Old Longtonians; Sutton Coldfield v Old Yardleians. Second division: Hansworth v Nuneaton OE; Devonians v Old Laurentians, Coventry Welsh v Solly Oak, Aston OE v Shrewsbury; Woodrush v Stratford upon Avon; West Midlands Police v Tamworth Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire: Ashborne v All Spartans; Bakewell M v Ilkeston; Long Eaton v East Retford, Nottinghamians v Grimsby; Sleaford v Keyworth. East Midlands: Aylestone St James v Market Bosworth, Brackley v Northampton MO, Kibworth v Oadby Wyggestonians, Melton Mowbray v Huntingdon, St Ives v Loughborough, St Neots v Northampton OS. Staffs and Warwicks: GEC v Linley; Eccleshall v Manor Park; Dunlop v Old Coventrians; Coventry Saracens v Old Wheatleyans, Wednesbury v Trentham; Uttoxeter v Trinity Guild. North Midlands: Luctonians v Old Centrals; Five Ways OE v Old Griffinians, Evesham v Pershore Bridgnorth v Redditch, Warley v Ross on Wye; Veseyans v Telford.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Men: Tooting Aquila v Wessex, Polonia Ealing v Leeds VC; Speedwell Rucanor v Newcastle (Staffs) VC, Team Mizuno Maisey Lewsham v Reebok Liverpool City.

BOWLS

MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TROPHY: Group 2: Derbyshire v Lancashire, Northumberland v Leicestershire Group 4: Norfolk v Cambridgeshire

OTHER SPORT

TABLE TENNIS: Cleveland Five-Star Open (Thornaby Pavilion, Middlesbrough)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Premier League

Sheffield Wed v Norwich (4.0)

Barclays League First division

Derby v West Ham (2.55)

Tennents Scottish Cup Third round

Dundee v Dumbarton (2.0)

Vauxhall FA Trophy First round

Wealdstone v Bashley (3.0)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND (2.30 unless stated): Premier division: Bray Wanderers v St Patrick's Athletic; Derry City v Sligo Rovers (3.30); Dundalk v Bohemians (3.30); Limerick v Waterford; Shamrock Rovers v Cork City.

WOMEN'S FA: Premier division: Bronte v Stanton Rangers; Ipswich Town v Maidstone Tigresses, Knowsley Utd v Arsenal; Millwall Lionesses v Wimbledon. First division north: Leasowe Pacific v Cowgate Kestrels; Nottingham Argyle v Sheffield Wednesday; St Helens v Milton Keynes; Sunderland v Wolverhampton; Villa Aztecs v Abbeydale Alvechurch. First division south: Bristol Beckwell v Hemel Hempstead; District Line v Town and County; Hassocks Beacon v Oxford; Epsom and Ewell v Brighton and Hove; Saltdean v Horsham

RUGBY UNION

Insurance Corporation All Ireland League First division

Garryowen v Shannon (2.30)

PROVINCIAL INSURANCE CUP: Sixth round: South: Datchworth v Tring.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP (3.0 unless stated): First division: Halifax v Hull KR; Hull v Widnes (3.15); Leigh v Sheffield; Wakefield v Salford. Second division: Carlisle v Rochdale (2.0), Featherstone v Huddersfield; London Crusaders v Swinton, Oldham v Bramley. Third division: Blackpool v Ryedale-York (2.30); Dewsbury v Chorley (2.15); Doncaster v Nottingham; Highfield v Whitehaven; Workington v Keighley.

HOCKEY

EUROPEAN NATIONS WOMEN'S INDOOR CUP (Crystal Palace): Play-offs and final

GLENFIDDICH INTERNATIONAL INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Glasgow).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL CUP: Men: Quarter-finals: Cheshire Jets v Thames Valley Tigers; Manchester Giants v Guildford Kings. Women: Quarter-finals: Nottingham Wildcats v Milton Keynes Quality Cats; Ipswich v London Jets.

NATIONAL TROPHY: Men: Quarter-final: Doncaster Panthers v Brixton Topcats.

TENNIS

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Women: Second round: Area 1: Tennis World Middlesbrough v Heaton Bradford; Topspin Darlington v Puma Sunderland Area 2: IFG Hallamshire Sheffield v Matchpoint Bramhall; Watchorn Alfreton v Edgbaston Priory. Area 3: Beechwood St Albans v Welwyn Spin; Puma Welwyn v Harpenden. Area 4: Boston v Lakenham Norwich; Lincoln Indoor v Long Road Cambridge Area 5: Royal Berkshire v Clearview Brentwood, Walton Indoor v Riverside Chiswick. Area 6: David Lloyd Finchley v BBC; Ealing v Carlton. Area 7: David Lloyd Eastbourne v Surrey Country Club; Maidstone Fitness v Pavilion and Hove Area 8: Alverstoke Gosport v West Hants Bournemouth; Match Point Southampton v Centrecourt Basingstoke.

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Golf's Olympic drive nudged back on course

David Miller talks to Michael Bonallack and finds the R & A secretary stating a compelling case for inclusion in the Games

There is, as they say, no accounting for folk. Normally sane, sensible people, who will reliably tell you whether it is Friday or Saturday, or whether or not it is raining, become separated from reason when discussing golf and the Olympic Games.

I am not talking about whether there should be an Olympic tournament in the Atlanta Centenary Games specifically at Augusta National. That is a separate issue. The question is whether there should be golf at all. Are golf and the Olympics compatible? Would the Olympics somehow damage golf itself, or vice versa?

Michael Bonallack, the secretary of the Royal and Ancient, that bastion of rules and of amateur status, comes as close as most people would wish to being rational and considered in his actions; not someone you might find rushing naked and screaming across the St Andrews 18th green, over the sands and into the waves in a crisis.

The response of Bonallack, a distinguished amateur player in his day, to the two questions is, emphatically and respectively, yes and no.

That causes bother to some of Bonallack's R&A colleagues, as well as some of Juan Antonio Samaranch's.

The prospect of Olympic golf has some journalists writing as though the Monster Raving Loony Party was about to win control of Cheltenham city council.

Bonallack is unmoved. "I see no possible harm that can be done to either golf or to the Games by mutual involvement," he said this week, looking out from the balcony of the R&A clubhouse, that granite monument of the game which looks as though it has been there from the time Charles I is alleged to have received news of the Irish rebellion while engaged on the course in 1641.

"Golf has all the right images and behaviour appropriate to the Olympic Games," Bonallack says. It is at this point that those who find moral objection to the conception hit difficulties.

Everyone accepts that the commercialisation of golf has done no harm, and of course there would still be no British Open of significance without it. The integrity of the game has not suffered. Yet the same people who remain charmed by golf are offended by commercialisation of the Olympic Games.

The example of golf, you would suppose, can only enhance the Games. Then there is the matter of professionalism. Amateurs and professionals happily play side by side in golf, yet the same juxtaposition is viewed by many as improper in the Games; quite illogically in the opinion of Bonallack. "There is no threat to amateur status," he says, "because the players will be competing only for Olympic medals. It seems to me commendable that golf professionals should give up two weeks of money-winning time in order to be part of the Olympic movement."

The rationalisation by Bonallack, who is also joint secretary of the World Amateur Golf Council (WAGC), with David Fay, the executive director of the US Golf Association (USGA), is identical to that of tennis. The governments of many countries only subsidise those sports included in the Olympics; therefore inclusion can hugely assist the expansion of golf in Asia, Africa and Latin America. It is already included in the Asian Games.

Ten years ago, the New Jersey-based WAGC, which runs the Eisenhower Trophy, decided against seeking an Olympic place, but changed its mind following the gradual revolution within the Olympic movement.

The IOC, in turn, stipulated that the WAGC must be a properly instituted international governing body. At present there are 74 member countries, with many pending applications. The Olympic charter requires 75 minimum; the Russian republic is about to become the 75th.

Bonallack sees no threat to the R&A's position from Olympic development. "We administer the rules and amateur status regulations," — worldwide, except in the United States, Mexico and Puerto Rico, handled by the USGA, with frequent cross-reference to St Andrews — "but only by request," he says.

"It is not a position the R&A sought for itself. I do not see that this position is likely to change because of the democratic one-country-one-vote advancement of the WAGC. The professionals like the rules to be administered by a non-commercial organisation such as we are." The WAGC will need to include a clause embracing professionals for the Games.

Bonallack and Fay had not expected acceptance before 2000 and were surprised by the move of Billy Payne, the president of the Atlanta organising committee, announcing an application for 1996 in conjunction with Augusta National; a controversial move that has met with predictable resistance because of Augusta's previous segregationist policy.

"That is a secondary issue, a political matter which Billy Payne must sort out, having put the cart before the horse," Bonallack says. "We [WAGC] have approved the principle, and met the Olympic programme commission to confirm this. There are plenty of other suitable courses at Atlanta."

The programme meeting last month recommended the inclusion of golf, as a suitable sport, to the IOC executive board, but not Augusta as the venue. At least four members of the 11-strong board are known to oppose Augusta for 72-hole strokeplay tournaments for 60 men and 39 women. The men must qualify from the Sony top-300 rankings (a maximum of three per country), which would allow 20 wild-card entries from smaller nations.

An attraction of golf for the IOC is that it requires no special facilities and numbers are relatively small, with few officials required.

In the same way that the commercialised British Open is able to put £2.5 million annually into development, the Olympics will provide a minimum of £3 million.

It is time, I think, to shout "fore" at the cynics, because Olympic golf is going to happen. But probably not at Augusta.

PAUL REID

Far-reaching view: Bonallack looks out at St Andrews

ROSS KINNAIRD

Winning vein: Juvenara lands the Rufford, Annesley & Silverhill Handicap on Racing for the Mines day at Southwell yesterday

Newman impressed with debut drive

Mansell gets away to flyer in first Indy Car test stint

BY ANDREW LONGMORE AND STEPHEN SLATER

FOR once even the smooth-talking Paul Newman needed a new script-writer. He was reduced to offering "awesome" and "fantastic" as comments in the aftermath of an astonishing display by Nigel Mansell on his testing debut in the forbidding concrete bowl of the Phoenix International Raceway.

On his first serious run at an oval track, in damp and overcast conditions far from ideal for heroics, the Formula One world champion drove his Lola to within a half-second of the official track record, set by Michael Andretti, his predecessor in the Newman-Haas team, in qualifying for the Valvoline 200 last April.

With his time of 21.4 seconds, Mansell would have qualified fourth fastest on the grid for that race. So much for the slow learning curve many had forecast for Mansell's early days in Indy Car racing.

Mansell's natural speed has turned it into a vertical line.

"The man has never seen an oval track before this week, had never driven seriously on one, is driving last year's car, yet he has come close to setting a lap record. That is an incredible achievement," Mike Knight, a Newman-Haas spokesman, said.

Rain delayed the start of the testing session for five hours and, when he did finally take to the track in mid-afternoon, Mansell was clearly in the mood for proving a point. "I'm thrilled and delighted with my time and there wasn't a Williams or a Renault engine in sight," he said.

Mansell will still need to improve markedly on his times to be competitive over the length of an Indy Car race, but he is confident he can find that extra speed in drier conditions, and when he has recovered fully from an operation on his right foot.

The target for this year's Valvoline 200 has been set by Emerson Fittipaldi, who unofficially lowered the lap record by nearly a second in his 1993 Penske car in testing late last year. Ayrton Senna also took part in the sessions, but rumours that the Brazilian, who is still without a Formula One contract, has signed for the Penske team were denied by Nick Goozée, the managing director, yesterday.

The door, though, is still open for Senna for a one-off drive in the Indianapolis 500.

Following Mansell's test runs and the announcement of live Screensport coverage of the series, the confirmation that another respected British name from Formula One is planning an involvement with Indy Car racing this year was a highlight of the Autosports International Racing Car Show this week.

Tom Walkinshaw, the race director of the Benetton Formula One team and the man behind Jaguar's sportscar racing successes, confirmed he had acquired two of the latest Lola-Ford Indy cars, identical to Mansell's. In addition to his Benetton and Jaguar commitments, Walkinshaw plans to run the Indy cars in a five-race programme this season, then to contest the full 16-race series in 1994.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Young makes the most of his big chance

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

STEVE Young, who languished for years as Joe Montana's coat-holder, has flourished this season as the quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, who take on the Washington Redskins today in a National Football League divisional play-off game.

Young, equalling Montana's statistical rating, has contributed to the best record in the league by completing 268 of 402 passes for 3,465 yards and 25 touchdowns.

In another play-off on the road to Super Bowl XXVII, the **Dallas Cowboys** host the **Philadelphia Eagles** tomorrow. Andre Waters, the Philadelphia safety, who broke a leg in October, hopes to play. He has an added incentive: Emmitt Smith, of Dallas, the No. 1 rusher, recently called him "the league's dirtiest player".

The **Buffalo Bills**, following a record comeback win over Houston in their wild-card game, face the **Pittsburgh Steelers**, who are hosting their first play-off game for ten years. The Bills still lack the services of Jim Kelly, who is resting an injured knee.

FIXTURES (won-lost records in brackets): Divisional play-offs: Today: AFC: Buffalo (12-5) at Pittsburgh (11-5); NFC: Washington (10-7) at San Francisco (14-2); Tomorrow: NFC: Philadelphia (12-5) at Dallas (13-3); AFC: San Diego (12-5) at Miami (11-5); January 17: Conference finals; January 31: Super Bowl XXVII (Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California)

Marriage that worked against the odds

Alan Lee samples an unusual cocktail of racing, mining and politics deep in the Nottinghamshire countryside

AT FIRST sight, racing and mining are improbable bedfellows, the one an open-air pursuit of the titled and monied, the other an underground penance for those born to nothing better.

Yesterday's Racing for the Mines occasion at Southwell, therefore, could have been viewed cynically as an uncomfortable marriage — patronising or even mercenary in its intent.

Banish the thought. This was no handout from the haves to the have-nots. The idea of a racecourse rally in support of the threatened pits came from a Nottinghamshire MP, Alan Meale (socialist), and was readily taken up by Southwell's owner, Ron Muddle (capitalist and proud of it).

Meale saw the day as a platform for the pit closure campaign and, if Muddle's motives were not entirely altruistic — his track received a level of publicity it had never previously known — he set about supporting the project with his customary zeal.

Quite how the gentry of the turf view the unprecedented act of a course donating a race-day to such a political cause is unclear. "I neither know nor care," said Muddle. "It's my racecourse and I'll do what I like here. I also wouldn't call this a political day, more a protest against what this government has done to an industry and a community."

A fine distinction, perhaps, but as Muddle added: "I may be a capitalist but I've been a worker, too. I was a motor mechanic and I know all about hard times. It makes a difference to your thinking when you've had your sleeves rolled up."

It was left to Meale to draw attention to a parallel between the races and the pits, pointing out that stable lads, like miners, work in a twilight world, for pitiful wages and with little job security.

Given, then, that here was a worthy crusade being waged on a perfect winter day, it must be said that it was not an overwhelming endorsement of the campaign.

Local police had been prepared for 20,000 miners to descend on Southwell, as the course is within close range of eight collieries. In the event, the rally was put back an hour to wait for coaches which never arrived and finally began before barely 2,000.

The speakers included MPs from both main parties, the bishop of Sherwood and the chairman of the parliamentary select committee on trade and industry. All received polite applause other than Richard Alexander, a rebel Conservative, whose reward for risking his political career was to be roundly booed.

The show was saved, rather than stolen, by old tic-tac himself, John McCririck. He may dress like an eccentric bohemian and he may be committedly Conservative in his politics, but McCririck is a working man's hero.

He was cheered on to the rostrum and could easily have come back for a curtain call before accepting the gift of a miner's lamp, which also went to each of the day's winning jockeys.

Yes, there was racing, too. The bookmakers had been patiently setting up during the speeches and now the regulars arrived.

The first-time racegoers might have been puzzled by the dirt track but were probably oblivious to the powerless quality of the racing. Fortified by free fish and chips, they may even have taken the bishop's advice to back the 5-2 winner, Pretonic.

"Racing for the Mines" made up in good intentions what it lacked in dramatic impact and, in an age where only the naive claim sport and politics do not mix, it will not be the last event of its type.

Fay Lin can land ante-post gamble in The Ladbroke

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

FAY Lin, twice a course and distance winner, can pull off an ante-post gamble in The Ladbroke at Leopardstown this afternoon. Europe's richest handicap hurdle, which carries Ir£60,000 prize-money, will be televised live on BBC1 and Channel 4.

Fay Lin, backed from 40-1 to 12-1 in the last two weeks, has never won anywhere else. On his latest run, just after Christmas, Fay Lin bear Eyelid by a head with Lady Olein a short head away third and Larnaca fourth. Four more of today's opponents were further behind.

My selection is not penalised for that success and and meets those rivals on virtually the same terms.

With 27 runners, luck in running will play an important role and Fay Lin will be partnered by Pat McWilliams, who has already been associated with a gamble when winning on The Iliad two years ago.

Vintage Crop will have to sharpen up on his jumping if he is to retain an unbeaten hurdles record, his score to date being two wins in conditions events.

In the second of these, at the 1991 Leopardstown Christmas meeting, his rider Brendan Sheridan was adjudged by the stewards to have made excessive use of the whip in getting him home in a photo finish from Prince Yaza.

The runner-up there went on to finish fifth to How's The Boss in The Ladbroke 12 months ago. While, at first sight, the fact that Prince Yaza had only 10 stone in that contest would appear to rule out Vintage Crop, this is, despite the mammoth prize, a much more modest renewal of the race.

Larnaca and Native Mission, who were third and fourth last year, have both been raised by more than a stone and no one can question the remarkable improvement which Dermot Weld wrought in Vintage Crop on the Flat last season, when he went up by almost two stone in the handicap and still ran away with the Tote Cesarewitch.

Should he put his jumping together in the break-neck gallop that is assured, he would promote his candidature substantially as a potential Champion Hurdle winner. However, until we have seen him do it in public, it is hard to justify making him the first choice.

Other dangers to Fay Lin include Bitofabanter, the long-time ante-post favourite, Tawney Flame, representing last year's winning team, and Eyelid, whose rider Charlie Swan had a wide variety of mounts from which to choose.

Bitofabanter would, however, have preferred the weights to have remained on a lower level as he is not a big horse, while Tawney Flame has to prove that he is as effective over two miles as the longer distances over which he has won his last two starts very easily.

Earlier, Mark Dwyer takes over from Jason Titley on How's The Boss in the Fitzpatricks Hotel Group Chase and the new partnership looks the banker of the day.

GOING: YIELDING

2.25 THE LADBROKE
(Extended handicap hurdle: lr£34,700: 2m) (27 runners)

1	11-	VINTAGE CROP 64F (C,D,S) (M Sowerby) D Weld 6-12-0		B Sheridan	85
2	500352	NATURAL ABILITY 12 (CD,S) (F Tovey) N Meade 8-11-11		M Duffy	90
3	211222	EYELID 12 (CD,BF,F,6,S) (Miss S Purcell) M Purcell 7-11-10		C Swan	85
4	012198	COCK COCKBURN 10 (CD,6,S) (D Kinsella) J Queally 7-11-8		D O'Connor	96
5	2131	BITOFABANTER 55F (CD,6,S) (Mrs I Loughlaine) A Moore 6-11-7		F Woods	92
6	164124	BACK DOOR JOHNNY 12 (CD,F,6,S) (Mrs S Gustin) M Halford 7-11-5		L Dusack	85
7	11223	KILCASH 14 (B,D,6,S) (J Weston) P Hedger (GB) 5-11-5		M Richards	88
8	5241113	LADY OLEIN 12 (CD,S) (Earl of Dunraven) Mrs J Harrington 5-11-5		J Banahan	93
9	00-24	LARNACA 12 (S) (W Matthews) S Kelly 5-11-5		Mr A Martin	88
10	420-0	NATIVE MISSION 28 (D,6) (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald (GB) 6-11-4		M Dwyer	93
11	48P180	RANDOM PRINCE 12 (D,F,6,S) (R Coburn) N Meade 9-11-4		H Rogers	84
12	6/P0040	KILLINEY GRADUATE 12 (CD,F,S) (F Lennon) F Lennon 7-11-0		–	80
13	400100	MASTER SWORDSMAN 12 (CD,6,S) (J Savage) J Mulhern 10-11-0		Miss C Hutchinson	91
14	2241-99	ALTEREZZA 12 (D,BF,S) (M Hynes) D Weld 5-10-13		J Shortt	93
15	140056	DORAN'S TOWN LAD 14 (D,S) (T Doran) A Mullins 6-10-13		A Mullins	94
16	334-842	GLENCLOUD 12 (D) (D Thomas) N Meade 5-10-13		G O'Neill	91
17	40/0-153	RISING WATERS 75 (D,6,S) (C de Bergh) T Stack 5-10-13		C O'Dwyer	91
18	213420	INK BY THE DRUM 42 (D,BF,S) (W Dixon) E O'Grady 5-10-8		T Horgan	91
19	252311	TAWNEY FLAME 24 (D,F,S) (E Farrell) J Bissett 7-10-8		J Titley	98
20	0-502	KEPPOLS PRINCE 119F (D,BF,F,S) (J Houghton) J Houghton 6-10-7		K Morgan	93
21	20-55	STATAJACK 29 (B,D,S) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth (GB) 5-10-7		A Procter	97
22	315111	ATONE 10 (CD,S) (R Sinclair) J Cox 6-10-0		K F O'Brien	95
23	21/8-R06	MR GREENFIELD 12 (CD,S) (Hall Clarke Racing Syndicate) W Hanley 9-10-4		J Magee (5)	85
24	5100-6	NAYSAYS 8 (D,S) (D Middleton) T Walsh 5-10-1		M Flynn	89
25	11354	PERSUASIVE 7 (D,S,5) (W Mehigan) Miss L Perrett (GB) 6-10-1		Mr M Buckley	97
26	23-041	FAY LIN 12 (CD,S) (G Tarrington) E Harty 6-10-0		P McWilliams	98
27	000525	NORDIC GAYLE 12 (Mrs J Bolger) J Bolger 6-10-0		N Byrne	76

Long handicap: Nordic Gayle 9-12

BETTING: 7-1 Bitofabanter, Native Mission, Vintage Crop, 8-1 Eyelid, 10-1 Fay Lin, 12-1 Kilcash, Lady Olein, 14-1 Tawney Flame, 16-1 Alterezza, Atone, 20-1 others.

1992: HOW'S THE BOSS 6-10-2 J Titley (20-1) 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

VINTAGE CROP beat Prince Yaza a neck in a 7-runner novice hurdle here (2m 2f, yielding to soft), with EYELID (12lb better off) 7l 3rd and COCK COCKBURN (14lb better off) 7l 4th. COCK COCKBURN beat EYELID (3lb better off) 4l in an 8-runner at handicap hurdle (raise on penultimate start (2m 1f, good), with NATURAL ABILITY (4lb better off) 20l 5th. BITOFABANTER beat Castle Secret 1l in the 22-runner grade III Swinton Handicap Hurdle at Haydock (2m, good). KILCASH 29l 3rd of 11 to Noble Insight in a Handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). LADY OLEIN beat Mark Station 3½l in a 13-runner handicap hurdle at Fairyhouse (2m, yielding to soft), with NATURAL ABILITY (8lb better off) 14l 5th. ALTEREZZA 6th, INK BY THE DRUM 10th and MASTER SWORDSMAN 13th. NATIVE MISSION 9l 2nd of 15 to Rodeo Star in the grade III Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury last season (2m 110yd, good). ATONE beat Prissy Miss 16l in a 9-runner novice handicap over course and distance (yielding). FAY LIN beat EYELID (same terms) a head in a 14-runner handicap over course and distance (yielding), with LADY OLEIN (1lb worse off) a short-head 3rd. LARNACA (same terms) 6l 4th, MR GREENFIELD 6th, RANDOM PRINCE 8th, KILLINEY GRADUATE 10th and MASTER SWORDSMAN 12th.

Selection: EYELID

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Rushing Wild weighted to lift Sandown prize

RUSHING Wild is napped to enhance his growing reputation in the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Handicap Chase at Sandown this afternoon.

Indeed, if quotes as low as 12-1 about Martin Pipe's charge for the Cheltenham Gold Cup are to be justified, there is little scope for error here off only 10st 1lb.

The winner of the Foxhunter Chase at last year's festival, he made an impressive debut in handicap company at Wincanton last month, leading from the sixth fence and galloping his rivals into submission.

At the finish he was 12 lengths clear of Fit For Firing, the winner of her two previous races and to whom Rushing Wild was conceding 21lb.

Although he has gone up 8lb in the handicap as a result of the Wincanton success, he remains fairly treated; and the biggest question mark against him is his tendency to the odd jumping mistake.

He has only come down once though, and that over the Grand National fences in the Fox Hunters at Aintree last

MANDARIN

April, but he cannot afford to do his rivals, who are mostly experienced handicappers, too many favours here.

Cool Ground, last year's Gold Cup winner, has been below his best this season and, despite his having won this race twice previously, looks to have a good deal to do under top weight. However, Toby Balding, his trainer, is confident of an improved showing.

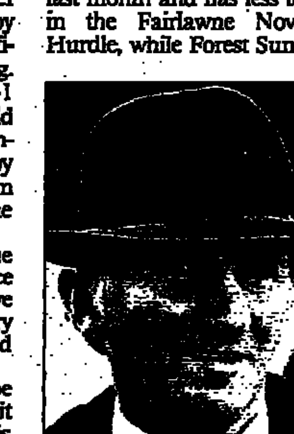
Sibton Abbey was the 40-1 winner of the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury in November, beating Jodami by threequarters of a length from a mark 21lb out of the handicap.

It is tempting to devalue that win, but Jodami has since gone on to win a competitive Mandarin Chase at Newbury and establish his own Gold Cup claims.

Sibton Abbey should not be under-estimated, although it is interesting that his Hennessy-winning rider, Adrian Maguire, has opted to ride Cool Ground.

Nick The Brief seems certain to need the race after his lengthy absence, although Brown Windsor, who usually runs well here, has interesting each-way prospects.

Whatever the fate of Cool Ground, Balding can complete a double with **Major Bugler** (1.00) and **Forest Sun** (1.30). Major Bugler ran well when third to Dare To Dream in a valuable race at Chepstow last month and has less to do in the Fairlawne Novices' Hurdle, while Forest Sun has the form to take the Portsoken Novices' Chase, granted a clear round.



Pipe: runs Gold Cup hope at Sandown

The Baring Securities Tolworth Hurdle is a competitive race in which **Big Beat** gets a narrow verdict. Both he and Dreamers Delight lost their unbeaten records this season to Satin Lover, but Big Beat gave Satin Lover an almighty battle at Kempton on Boxing day and could edge out Dreamers Delight here.

In the principal race at Haydock, the Mitsubishi Shogun Newton Chase, **Katabatic** can continue his progress towards regaining his two-mile champion chaser's crown at Cheltenham.

He returned to his impressive best when beating Waterloo Boy at Wetherby over Christmas and the half-mile longer trip should pose him no problems.

In the Arlington Premier Chase Series Qualifier, the progressive **Whispering Steel** can take advantage of the 7lb he receives from Gale Again, while Pipe's **Valfinet** can complete a treble in the Philip Cornes Nickel Alloys Handicap Hurdle.

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
12.45 Elder Prince.	12.45 Elder Prince.
1.15 Whispering Steel.	1.15 Gale Again.
1.45 Valfinet.	1.45 Cheerful Times.
2.15 Katabatic.	2.15 Katabatic.
2.45 Senator Snugfit.	2.45 Otterburn House.
3.15 Lo Stregone.	3.15 Lo Stregone.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.15 Lo Stregone.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

12.45 MAKERFIELD CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,145: 2m 4f) (15 runners)

1 40- WAKASHAN 322 (J Short) K Morgan 5-11-0 ... A S Smith 74
2 0-1S656 APACHE BRAVE 12 (G) (Mrs M Caddy) J Goulding 8-10-12 ... C Dennis (3) 74
3 301F42 CELCIUS 14 (B,G,S) (Pipe Scudamore Racing) M Pipe 9-10-12 ... J Lower 98
4 42P-000 ELDER PRINCE 64 (C,F,S) (G Elsworth) M H Easterby 7-10-12 ... L Wyer 98
5 43-4332 TESEKKUREDERIM 30 (Blue Star Racing) W Clay 6-10-10 ... Diane Clay 84
6 F531FU- RAAWI 250 (D,F) (J Sissons) J Glover 5-10-9 ... S D Williams (3) 80
7 120365 BALLYANTO 8 (D,F,S) (J Chard) P Murphy 8-10-8 ... E Byrne 89
8 04521P SOUTH STACK 22 (S) (M Wilby) Mrs S Smith 7-10-8 ... D Towler (7) 78
9 144/05-3 A GENTLEMAN TWO 22 (G) (Kirklees Rock Asphalt Ltd) J Eyre 7-10-7 ... M Whelan (7) 78
10 PFF-4P4 DARTINGTON BLAKE 110F (D Furman) J Dooler 9-10-7 ... Mr K Green –
11 P SAINTHILLS SON 61 (M Tate) M Tate 8-10-7 ... D Gallagher –
12 4800/ ATHENE NOCTUA 179F (Dragon Racing) R Hollinshead 8-10-6 ... Gary Lyons –
13 4-00 BETTY BARLOW 23 (M Barraclough) M Barraclough 7-10-4 ... Ann Stokell –
14 0/P/P0 SILVER'S GIRL 31 (Haydock Exhibitions Ltd) D Moffatt 8-10-4 ... D J Moffatt (5) –
15 0000 WHATMORECANIASKFOR 14 (M Reet) G Charles-Jones 5-10-4 ... E McKinley –

BETTING: 5-4 Elder Prince, 7-2 Celcius, 11-2 Ballyanto, 8-1 Raawi, 12-1 Wakashan, 20-1 Tesekkurederim, 25-1 South Stack, 33-1 others.

1992: SANDHURST PARK 7-10-12 N Mann (85-40) R Holder 12 ran

1.15 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE — BBC1
(Qualifier: £5,020: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 0-22143 DAGOBERTIN 27 (S) (P Leonard) M Pipe 7-11-10 ... J Lower –
2 P1-1P11 GALE AGAIN 21 (D,F,S) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 6-11-5 ... C Grant 99
3 F3P141- MIAMI BEAR 311 (D,G) (J Campbell) Mrs S Smith 7-11-2 ... L Wyer 66
4 31-6111 WHISPERING STEEL 31 (CD,S) (J Gillow) G Richards 7-10-12 ... N Doughty 70
5 1P45-02 MARCELLINA 49 (G,S) (Mrs M Charlton) E Alston 11-10-11 ... K Doolan 54
6 4013U-3 ON THE HOOCH 98 (F,G,S) (G Solorian) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-11 ... Mr J Bradburne 50

BETTING: 10-11 Gale Again, 2-1 Dagobertin, 7-2 Whispering Steel, 25-1 Marcellina, 33-1 Miami Bear, 50-1 On The Hooch.

1992: ARMAGRET 7-11-0 L O'Hara (7-1) B Wilkinson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAGOBERTIN ¾l 2nd in Deauville 1m 4f 110yd handicap latest Flat start. Previously 2l 2nd of 14 to Model Man in Auteuil (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) hurdle and won an Auteuil (2m 3l, heavy) chase in October.
GALE AGAIN beat Old Applejack 3½l in 3-runner Newcastle (2m 4f, heavy) handicap chase. MIAMI BEAR beat City Index 12l in 6-runner Southwell (AW, 2m 4f) handicap chase. WHISPERING STEEL beat Channels Gate 4l in 7-runner novice chase (3m, soft) here.
MARCELLINA 12l 2nd of 5 to West Ender in Market Rasen (3m 1f, soft) handicap chase.
ON THE HOOCH 11½l 3rd of 5 to Bay Tern in Kelso (2m 6f 110yd, good) handicap hurdle.
Selection: GALE AGAIN

1.45 PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS HANDICAP HURDLE — BBC1
(£4,581: 2m) (7 runners)

1 31-1113 BOLLIN WILLIAM 31 (C,D,S) (M Westbrook) M H Easterby 5-11-10 ... L Wyer 98
2 11232F DEB'S BALL 28 (D,F,G,S) (J Calvert) D Moffatt 7-11-9 ... D J Moffatt (5) 98
3 1461-11 VALFINET 35 (CD,G,S) (F Farrant) M Pipe 6-11-5 ... J Lower 94
4 111135- GOOD PROFILE 282 (D,G,S) (J Robson) G Moore 5-10-13 ... N Bentley (3) 90
5 11121/0- SWEET N' TWENTY 527 (C,D,F,G,S) (F Roofing Ltd) M Pipe 7-10-9 ... D Richmond (5) –
6 55331-P NICKLE JOE 66 (G) (Mrs E Tate) M Tate 7-10-4 ... D Gallagher 92
7 2F-0P50 CHEERFUL TIMES 8 (D,G,S) (M Sturgess) B McMahon 10-10-3 ... G Robertson (7) 99

BETTING: 7-4 Valfinet, 5-2 Bollin William, 9-2 Deb's Ball, 6-1 Good Profile, 12-1 Sweet N' Twenty, Cheerful Times, 20-1 Nickle Joe.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BOLLIN WILLIAM beat Sillars Stalker 1½l in 5-runner handicap hurdle here (2m 4f, soft) on penultimate start.
DEB'S BALL 2½l 2nd of 8 to Nikitas in handicap hurdle over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start. VALFINET beat Kilcash ½l in 10-runner grade III William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy).
GOOD PROFILE 15½l 5th of 13 to Satwan in grade II Glenlivet Hurdle at Aintree (2m, good to soft).
SWEET N'TWENTY beat If You Say 3l in 8-runner Cartmel (2m 1f, firm) novice hurdle on penultimate start.
NICKLE JOE beat Baydon Star neck in 14-runner Chepstow (2m 4f, good) novice hurdle on penultimate start.
CHEERFUL TIMES below best this season but well weighted on ¾l 2nd of 13 to Flakey Dove in Aintree (2m, good) handicap hurdle in April.
Selection: VALFINET

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.15 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN NEWTON CHASE — BBC1
(Grade I: £30,200; 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 23-P141 GOLD OPTIONS 34 (B,D,F,G,S) (J McCaghy) Jimmy Fitzgerald 11-11-10 ... L Wyer 76
2 211-121 KATABATIC 12 (C,D,F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) A Turnell 10-11-10 ... S McNeill 99
3 1U1-2FU KINGS FOUNTAIN 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (E Banks) K Bailey 10-11-10 ... A Tory 90
4 13-4112 LAST 'O' THE BUNCH 21 (CD,BF,G,S) (G Middlebrook) G Richards 9-11-10 N Doughty 80
5 25/13/P MULTUM IN PARVO 49 (D,F,S) (A Parker) J Edwards 10-11-10 ... N Williamson –
6 135-1P1 TWIN OAKS 31 (C,G,S) (J Moreton) G Richards 13-11-10 ... G McCourt 95

BETTING: Evens Katabatic, 2-1 King's Fountain, 5-1 Twin Oaks, 12-1 Gold Options, Last 'O' The Bunch, 100-1 Multum In Parvo.

1992: PAT'S JESTER 9-11-10 N Doughty (7-1) G Richards 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLD OPTIONS beat General Idea head in 9-runner Punchestown (2m 4f, soft) chase.
KATABATIC beat Waterloo Boy 10l in 3-runner grade I Castleford Chase at Wetherby (2m, good to soft). KINGS FOUNTAIN 12l 2nd of 4 to Remittance Man in grade II Desert Orchid Chase at Wincanton (2m 5l, good) in October. LAST 'O' THE BUNCH 3½l 2nd of 7 to Cyphrate in Ascot (2m, soft) handicap chase.
MULTUM IN PARVO won Mackeson Gold Cup Handicap Chase at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm) two seasons ago. TWIN OAKS beat Pat's Jester 12l in 5-runner chase here (3m, soft).
Selection: KATABATIC (nap)

2.45 NEW YEAR HANDICAP CHASE (£4,695: 3m) (9 runners)

1 06-F434 STAY ON TRACKS 49 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) P Cheesbrough 11-11-12 ... C Grant 92
2 625-225 PACO'S BOY 30 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (F Roofing Ltd) M Pipe 8-11-8 ... J Lower 92
3 23-63P4 MR BOSTON 23 (D,F,G,S) (M Oldham) R Woodhouse 8-11-4 ... S Turner 98
4 2/114PP- SIRE NANTAIS 262 (F,G,S) (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 9-11-4 ... N Doughty 89
5 032-264 RADICAL LADY 24 (CD,F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Moore 9-11-4 ... J Callaghan 88
6 11213-2 SENATOR SNUGFIT 35 (D,G,S) (A Greenwood) M W Easterby 8-11-2 ... L Wyer 87
7 FDP-312 DIRECT 28 (D,S) (H Kaye) J Edwards 10-10-11 ... N Williamson 95
8 12P-132 OTTERBURN HOUSE 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-10-10 ... D Byrne 99
9 /132/P/ FEILE NA HINSE 666 (D,G) (Mrs D Champion) R Champion 10-10-0 ... S McNeill –

Long handicap: Feile Na Hinse 9-8.

BETTING: 11-4 Otterburn House, 3-1 Senator Snugfit, 7-2 Direct, 9-2 Paco's Boy, 8-1 Stay On Tracks, 10-1 Radical Lady, 16-1 Mr Boston, 33-1 Sire Nantais, 50-1 Feile Na Hinse.

1992: TWIN OAKS 12-12-0 N Doughty (11-2) G Richards 9 ran

3.15 GARSTANG NOVICES HURDLE (£2,407: 2m 6f) (10 runners)

1 1234-21 LO STREGONE 30 (CD,S) (Mrs S Clegg) T Tate 7-11-4 ... G McCourt 99
2 00/22/ ASK FOR MORE 623 (D Stem) J Edwards 6-11-0 ... N Williamson –
3 00/ CASH POINT 751 (Miss R Duckett) Miss J Eaton 6-11-0 ... S Lyons (5) –
4 4 DAVID JOHN 68 (Mrs D Barrogton) S Christian 6-11-0 ... A Carroll 60
5 0 EXTRA BEAT 31 (R Ogden) G Richards 6-11-0 ... N Doughty –
6 30/4-F GRAZEMBER 23 (Mrs M Ashby) R Earnshaw 6-11-0 ... R Hodge 67
7 03/44 HOT STAR 21 (H Fernandes) G Moore 7-11-0 ... J Callaghan 91
8 1-46 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 64 (G) (J McGrath) M H Easterby 5-11-0 ... L Wyer –
9 F531P5/ TROPENNA 661 (G) (Mrs M Caddy) J Goulding 10-11-0 ... C Dennis (3) –
10 0- WADELEY 263 (H Parker) J Edwards 6-11-0 ... C Grant –

BETTING: 2-5 Lo Stregone, 5-1 Hot Star, 8-1 David John, 14-1 Toogood To Be True, 16-1 Grazember, 20-1 Ask For More, 25-1 others.

1992: TAROUDANT 5-11-0 N Mann (10-1) R Holder 14 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	51	133	38.3	N Doughty	27	75	36.0
G Richards	32	102	31.4	J Lower	6	19	31.6
T Tate	4	16	25.0	G McCourt	18	93	19.4
M H Easterby	8	34	23.5	L Wyer	7	49	14.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	9	52	17.3				
B McMahon	3	24	12.5	Only qualifiers			

□ Josh Gifford completed a 14½-1 double at Towcester yesterday with Cythere and Martin's Lamp. Cythere's task was eased when Martin Pipe's highly-regarded Claxton Greene, the evens favourite for the King's Liverpool Regiment Novices' Chase, fell at the first. Gifford views Cythere, who beat Askinfarney by 30 lengths, as a future Grand National horse. Martin's Lamp, the 11-8 on favourite for the National Hunt Novices' Hurdle, was clear from halfway and won easing down by four lengths.

SANDOWN PARK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
1.00 Major Bugler.	1.00 Kadi.
1.30 Forest Sun.	1.30 Forest Sun.
2.00 Big Beat.	2.00 BIG BEAT (nap).
2.35 Elfast.	2.35 Al Hashimi.
3.05 RUSHING WILD (nap).	3.05 Rushing Wild.
3.35 Chief Celt.	3.35 Brora Rose.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.00 DISSIMULATEUR (nap). 3.35 Royal Piper.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 RUSHING WILD.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT, GOOD IN PLACES (CHASE COURSE); SOFT, BACK STRAIGHT GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES) SIS

1.00 FAIRLAWNE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £3,038: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)

101 1212 LONESOME TRAIN 70 (D,F,G) (C Gay) C Weedon 11-7 ... Peter Hobbs 90
102 013 MAJOR BUGLER 12 (D,BF,S) (M Kerr-Dineen) G Balding 11-4 ... A Maguire 99
103 P ALDAVERA 58 (P Waldron) M Dixon 11-0 ... Dale McKeown –
104 0 BARAHIN 7 (M Hickey) R O'Sullivan 11-0 ... D O'Sullivan (3) –
105 BO KNOWS BEST 95F (N Goldman) J Sutcliffe 11-0 ... R Beggan –
106 BOLD STEVE 131F (A Else) M Tompkins 11-0 ... S Smith Eccles –
107 4225 BRAMBLEBERRY 21 (B) (Wetherby Racing Bureau Plc) Mrs S Smith 11-0 M A Fitzgerald 86
108 0 CORINTHIAN GOD 7 (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 11-0 ... D Bridgwater –
109 DISSIMULATEUR 59F (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) O Sherwood 11-0 ... J Osborne –
110 00 GENERAL DOGE 7 (D Gallop) R Hannon 11-0 ... M Perrett –
111 INCHCAILLOCH 93F (F Carter) J King 11-0 ... D Tegg –
112 KADI 90F (Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) D Nicholson 11-0 ... R Dunwoody –
113 2U03 MAESTROSO 7 (Mrs T Dunbar) R Johnson Houghton 11-0 ... C Llewellyn 95
114 4 MASTER REACH 56 (F Allison) Miss K Allison 11-0 ... B Powell –
115 NIGHT CLUBBING 18F (Sheikh Essa Alkhalifa) R Akehurst 11-0 ... H Davies –
116 6 NORDANSK 28 (D Knight) M Madgwick 11-0 ... G Moore –
117 SPECTACULAR DAWN 103F (P Winfield) N Henderson 10-9 ... J Kavanagh –

BETTING: 15-8 Major Bugler, 9-2 Bo Knows Best, 11-2 Maestroso, 13-2 Lonesome Train, 8-1 Dissimulateur, Kadi, 10-1 Inchcailloch, Spectacular Dawn, 12-1 others.

1992: MUBIN 4-11-0 J Frost (20-1) C C Elsey 9 ran

1.30 PORTSOKEN NOVICES CHASE — C4
(£4,357: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

201 335-114 FIGHTING WORDS 50 (F,G) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 7-11-8 ... E Murphy 91
202 03-21FF FOREST SUN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 8-11-8 ... A Maguire 99
203 05-1213 LAKE TEEREEN 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs A Grantham) R Rowe 8-11-8 ... T Grantham 89
204 04-3411 ZAMIL 14 (D,G,S) (D Whyte) K Burke 8-11-8 ... R Supple 81
205 2-54333 ALDINGTON BELL 26 (B,F) (C Wheatley) C Trietline 10-11-0 ... D Bridgwater 82
206 P CARRIGLAWN 23 (Mrs S Lousada) G Balding 8-11-0 ... N Hawke –
207 612/64 LITTLE-NIPPER 21 (F,G) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 8-11-0 ... R Dunwoody 90
208 44P4-43 MR-PAW 22 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 10-11-0 ... B Murphy 80
209 0/324 NEWS REVIEW 52 (D Gwyn Williams) D Williams 10-11-0 ... H Davies 87
210 0/0/0P5 SERGEANT SILVER 8 (R Faiers) R Eckley 8-11-0 ... R Bellamy –
211 /1/F0F6- THATCHER ROCK 372 (F) (M Disney) P Nicholls 8-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald –

BETTING: 6-4 Forest Sun, 3-1 Lake Teereen, 9-2 Fighting Words, 6-1 Little-Nipper, 8-1 Zamil, 10-1 others.

1992: CALAPAEZ 8-11-0 H Davies (4-6 fav) Miss B Sanders 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIGHTING WORDS beat Persian House 2½l in an 8-runner novice chase Wetherby on penultimate start (2m, good). FOREST SUN close 3rd when fell 3 out in the 5-runner grade I Feltham Novices' Chase Kempton won by Dakyns Boy (3m, good to soft). Previously, beat Strong Beau 7l in a 5-runner novice chase at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). LAKE TEEREEN 6¾l 3rd of 7 to Retail Runner in the grade II Rovacabin Noel Novices' Chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, soft), with LITTLE-NIPPER (4lb better off) 2½l 4th.
Selection: FOREST SUN

2.00 BARING SECURITIES TOLWORTH HURDLE — C4
(Grade I: £15,850: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

301 30F-112 BIG BEAT 14 (CD,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 5-11-7 ... P Holley 99
302 35/1112 DREAMERS DELIGHT 28 (D,G,S) (Mrs H Clarke) D Nicholson 7-11-7 ... R Dunwoody 85
303 14 LEOTARD 65 (D,BF,G) (C Heath) O Sherwood 6-11-7 ... J Osborne 86
304 1 POORS WOOD 52 (D,S) (A Weller) J Gifford 6-11-7 ... E Murphy 73
305 45-1211 SUN SURFER 5 (D,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 5-11-7 ... C Llewellyn 83
306 60020-2 TEXAN TYCOON 42 (BF) (Normandy Developments (London)) R Akehurst 5-11-7 H Davies 74
307 3/25-122 THUMBS UP 29 (D,BF,S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 7-11-7 ... J Kavanagh 84

BETTING: 9-4 Big Beat, 11-4 Dreamers Delight, 4-1 Sun Surfer, 5-1 Texan Tycoon, 8-1 others.

1992: NEW YORK RAINBOW 7-11-7 J Kavanagh (5-1) N Henderson 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIG BEAT ½l 2nd of 10 to Satin Lover in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to soft). Previously, beat Royal Piper 4l in a 13-runner novice handicap over course and distance (heavy). DREAMERS DELIGHT 1½l 2nd of 9 to Satin Lover in the grade II Lanzels Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). Previously, beat TEXAN TYCOON (6lb worse off) a neck in an 18-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft), and also beat THUMBS UP 1½l (5lb better off) in a 6-runner novice hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, soft). LEOTARD beat Giventime 8l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Uttoxeter on penultimate start (2m, good). POORS WOOD beat The Glow 3l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, soft). SUN SURFER beat Viaggio 6l in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Stratford on penultimate start (2m 110yd, good to soft). THUMBS UP 3l 2nd of 15 to Yorkshire Gale in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 5f 110yd, soft).
Selection: BIG BEAT

2.35 ORIENTAL HANDICAP CHASE — C4
(£4,848: 2m) (6 runners)

401 4316-PP REDUNDANT PAL 7 (D,S) (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 10-11-13 ... J Railton 98
402 2011F-3 AL HASHIMI 28 (CD,F,G) (J Hobbs) D Nicholson 9-11-2 ... R Dunwoody 97
403 1B23-06 ELFAST 12 (CD,F,G,S) (J Webber) J Webber 10-10-13 ... M Lynch 96
404 1/1-4533 FU'S LADY 29 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs A Malde) M Pipe 11-10-3 ... M Perrett 99
405 51212P EMSEE-H 12 (D,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-0 ... A Maguire 80
406 P/50P-35 ASTRE RADIEUX 35 (D,G,S) (T Hemmings) Mrs S Smith 9-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 76

Long handicap: Emsee-H 9-0, Astre Radieux 8-13.

BETTING: 7-4 Al Hashimi, 3-1 Elfast, 5-1 Fu's Lady, 7-1 Emsee-H, 8-1 Redundant Pal, 12-1 Astre Radieux.

1992: MY YOUNG MAN 7-12-0 G Bradley (4-6 fav) C Brooks 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

REDUNDANT PAL has been disappointing this season, beat The Musical Priest 4½l in a 6-runner handicap chase at Fairyhouse in April (2m, good to yielding). AL HASHIMI 6½l 3rd of 8 to Shamana in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft). ELFAST 15½l 6th of 10 to For The Grain in a handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft), with EMSEE-H tailed off when pulled up 8 out.
FU'S LADY 9½l 3rd of 5 to Up-A-Point in a conditional jockeys' handicap chase at Cheltenham (2m 110yd, soft). EMSEE-H 7l 2nd of 4 to Remittance Man in the grade II Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, soft). ASTRE RADIEUX 20½l 5th of 7 to Logamimo in a handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 5f, soft).
Selection: AL HASHIMI

3.05 ANTHONY MILDMAY, PETER CAZALET MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE — C4
(£14,070: 3m 5f 110yd) (12 runners)

501 10-4F40 COOL GROUND 21 (CD,G,S) (Whitcombe Ltd) G Balding 11-12-0 ... A Maguire 89
502 3P2163/ NICK THE BRIEF 649 (F,G,S) (J Upson) J Upson 11-10-11 ... R Supple –
503 051F0-2 BROWN WINDSOR 70 (B,CD,F,G,S) (W Shand Kydd) N Henderson 11-10-11 J Osborne 85
504 U-41211 SIBTON ABBEY 42 (F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-10-10 ... Mr Paul Murphy (7) 89
505 111-44U TOPSHAM BAY 7 (CD,F,G,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 10-10-6 ... H Davies 84
506 1F1-1 RUSHING WILD 14 (G,S) (Hunt & Co (Bournemouth) Ltd) M Pipe 8-10-1 P Scudamore 99
507 2-40145 KILDIMO 21 (F,G,S) (Lady Harris) Mrs S Smith 13-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 91
508 5P-33UP SEAGRAM 29 (C,F,G,S) (Sir Eric Parker) D Barons 13-10-0 ... D Tegg 79
509 3111-P5 KEEP TALKING 7 (F,G) (Queen Elizabeth) T Thomson Jones 8-10-0 ... S Smith Eccles 83
510 /1F2/1F DUNTREE 12 (BF,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 8-10-0 ... R Dunwoody 83
511 60-RP33 GHOFAR 12 (B,C,F,G,S) (D Tallner) D Elsworth 10-10-0 ... B Powell 83
512 453-12P GIVUS A BUCK 12 (B,G,S) (K Costello) D Elsworth 10-10-0 ... P Holley 78

Long handicap: Seagram 9-10, Keep Talking 9-9, Duntree 9-5, Ghofar 9-5, Givus A Buck 9-1.

BETTING: Evens Rushing Wild, 9-2 Sibton Abbey, 8-1 Keep Talking, 10-1 Duntree, 12-1 Brown Windsor, 16-1 Cool Ground, 25-1 others.

1992: ARCTIC CALL 9-11-6 J Osborne (4-1) O Sherwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

COOL GROUND has been disappointing since beating The Fellow a short head in the grade I Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup in March (3m 2f, good).
NICK THE BRIEF, high-class chaser two seasons ago, beat Cloan Lad a distance in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Leopardstown in February 1991 (3m, soft).
BROWN WINDSOR 2l 2nd of 4 to Fai Senor in a handicap chase here (3m 110yd, good), with SEAGRAM (3lb better off) 10l 3rd.
SIBTON ABBEY beat Jodami ¾l in the 13-runner grade III Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, soft). RUSHING WILD beat Fit For Firing 12l in a 9-runner handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). KILDIMO beat Four Trix 7l in a 9-runner handicap chase at Aintree in November (3m 3f, good to soft), where COOL GROUND fell at the 13th and SEAGRAM unseated rider at the 7th. KEEP TALKING 10½l 5th of 13 to Jodami in a handicap chase at Newbury (3m 2f 110yd, soft), where TOPSHAM BAY unseated rider at 5th.
Selection: RUSHING WILD

3.35 HARRIER NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,805: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

601 634-R21 ROYAL PIPER 22 (S) (A Darlington) D Barons 6-11-10 ... M Perrett 86
602 4/40-014 DRAGONS DEN 43 (G) (C Heath) S Sherwood 7-11-2 ... J Osborne 91
603 0/00F-1 ASK THE GOVERNOR 39 (D,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 7-11-1 ... A Maguire 88
604 00-31 CARRIGEEN LAD 45 (S) (W Whitbread) N Henderson 6-10-11 ... R Dunwoody 80
605 2300P-3 GARSTON LA GAFFE 88 (East Garston Racing) M Bradstock 8-10-9 ... H Davies 94
606 5P-P133 CHIEF CELT 21 (BF,S) (Mrs J Peppiatt) J King 7-10-9 ... N Mann 98
607 2340-41 MAY-DAY-BABY 25 (D,S) (Mrs D Upson) J Upson 7-10-9 ... R Supple 86
608 66-45F1 COME HOME ALONE 26 (B,S) (Mrs A Oakes) N Gaselee 5-10-5 ... C Llewellyn 68
609 0323-63 CITY KID 54 (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 8-10-2 ... E Murphy 99
610 033231 BRORA ROSE 8 (S) (J Joseph) Mrs F Walwyn 5-10-0 ... B de Haan 94
611 03-P61P SHANNON JULIETTE 7 (D,G) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 6-10-0 ... P Holley 85
612 05-R034 SAUSALITO BOY 23 N Twiston-Davies 5-10-0 ... P Scudamore 98
613 0555- PADDYSWAY 250 (R Searle) G Ham 6-10-0 ... B Powell 86
614 0-13600 HIMLAJ 14 (G) (Mrs S Hame) S Mellor 8-10-0 ... S Earle 85
615 632-0F4 DOLLY OATS 49 (R Faiers) R Eckley 7-10-0 ... R Farrant (5) 86
616 00-5P IDLING BY 7 (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 7-10-0 ... D Meade (7) 87
617 0-5P220 CHURCH STAR 19 (B) (J Bridger) J Bridger 9-10-0 ... Rachel Bridger (7) 80

Long handicap: Sausalito Boy 9-13, Paddysway 9-7, Himlaj 9-6, Dolly Oats 9-5, Idling By 9-4, Church Star 8-12.

BETTING: 5-2 Royal Piper, 7-2 Ask The Governor, 5-1 Carrigeen Lad, 11-2 Dragons Den, 8-1 May-Day-Baby, Brora Rose, 10-1 Chief Celt, Garston La Gaffe, 12-1 Sausalito Boy, 14-1 others.

1992: NEEDWOOD SPRITE 6-11-10 R Stronge (7-2) B Morgan 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	16	57	28.1	N Mann	5	13	38.5
T Thomson Jones	3	13	23.1	P Scudamore	13	43	30.2
D Nicholson	13	59	22.0	J Osborne	15	66	22.7
O Sherwood	10	50	20.0	R Dunwoody	24	115	20.9
S Mellor	3	17	17.6	B de Haan	5	24	20.8
N Henderson	10	64	15.6	M Perrett	8	43	18.6

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Towcester

Going: heavy

12.40 (2m hdle) 1, BEAUCHAMP GRACE (R Dunwoody, 4-9 fav; Richard Evans' nap); 2, Viardot (P Scudamore, 2-1); 3, Klingon (G Lyons, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 50 Absolutley Foxed (pu), Elizabethan Air (pu), Speedo Movement (pu), Cappahoosh (4th), Buck Comtess (5th), Alternation (6th), 100 Suleah Rose. 10 ran. 12l, 5l, 20l, 3l, 4l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £1.81.

1.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, CYTHERE (P Hide, 9-1); 2, Askinfarney (R Supple, 7-4); 3, Travail Temporaire (D Bridgwater, 33-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Claxton Greene (f), 9 Mighty Frolic (ur), 12 Young Miner (4th), 33 Sensmoss (pu), Titus Andronicus (f), 50 Nelsac (pu). 9 ran. NR: Bally Parson. 30l, 20l, 25l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £8.30; £1.30, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £10.80. CSF: £25.82.

1.40 (2m 5f hdle) 1, CAPTAIN BARNEY (Leesa Long, 25-1); 2, Mick's Tycoon (M Foster, 2-1 fav); 3, Clare Lad (R Davis, 14-1); 4, Reltic (A Flannigan, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Vomero (5th), 6 Tropical Ace (pu), 7 Prince Valmy, 8 Mecado (pu), 12 Green's Thorburn, Furryvale, Borreto, 14 Champagne Run, March Above (6th), 16 Forcello, Stone Madness (pu), 20 Roseteen, 25 Master Plan (pu), My Son John. 18 ran. 4l, 8l, 1½l, 10l, ½l. J Long at Plumpton. Tote: £43.90; £5.60, £1.60, £5.70, £19.10. DF: £77.30. CSF: £87.75. Tricast: £768.31.

2.10 (2m 6f ch) 1, LARKSMORE (T Wall, 50-1); 2, Bit of A Clown (L Harvey, 7-4 fav); 3, Brief Encounter (M A Fitzgerald, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Goodshot Rich (pu), 5 Gladtogetit (pu), 12 Rymer King (pu), 14 The Mosses (pu), 20 Pukka Major (ref), Classey Boy (pu), 25 Sam Shorrock (pu), 50 Paddy's Dream (pu). 11 ran. 1½l, ¾l. Miss D Baker at Rugby. Tote: £79.20; £7.40, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £81.10. CSF: £138.80. Tricast: £517.83. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

2.40 (2m) 1, MARTIN'S LAMP (D Murphy, 8-11 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Billy Boru (D Gallagher, 7-1); 3, Royal Flamingo (R Beggan, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Deependable (pu), 14 Grey Hussar (6th), 25 Bathwick Bobbie (5th), Bilbo Baggins, 33 March Lane (pu), Smokebridge Gras (pu), Stormy Fashion (pu), Carabuck (4th), Wrekin College, Cawarra Boy, 50 Ascot Delphinium (pu), Berry's Sky Lark (pu), Supreme Knight (pu), Surot (pu). 17 ran. NR: Mr Mulkeen. 4l, 1l, 5l, 12l, 5l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £2.70, £2.50. DF: £9.50. CSF: £8.23.

3.10 (2m 110yd ch) 1, THE GREEN STUFF (R Supple, 11-4); 2, Alldnor Rex (M Perrett, 10-11 fav); 3, Half Brother (M Pitman, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Devil's Valley (pu), 10 The Dragon Master (4th). 5 ran. Nk, 7l, 12l. John Upson at Towcester. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £1.30. DF: £1.90. CSF: £5.55.

3.40 (2m) 1, MR PICKPOCKET (J McCarthy, 25-1); 2, Rose King (Mr C Burnett-Wells, 7-1); 3, Dilleachta (Mr T Jenks, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 10-11 fav Sea Patrol (5th), 6 Race To The Rhythm, 12 Arctic Red (4th), Swahili Run, 14 Dunepre, 16 Diamond Prospector, Bengazee, 20 Ess El Ar, 25 Trying Again, Buckshot, 33 Pennant Cottage, Just Rosie, 40 Lady Ol Stratton, 50 Callyr (6th), Qiosa's Delight. 16 ran. 5l, 10l, 20l, 3½l, 4l. J Akehurst at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £22.20; £5.50, £5.20, £4.50. DF: £87.70. CSF: £207.99.

Placepot: £12.90.

Edinburgh

Going: good

12.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, TRAINGLOT (M Dwyer, 7-4 fav); 2, Wishing Gate (C Grant, 8-1); 3, Attadale (T Reed, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Kaden (5th), 5 Blanc Seing (4th), 33 Scottish Fling (pu), Bannan March, 40 Tricycling (pu), Mr Westcliff, 50 Captain Teach, 100 Jim-Joe (6th), Saxon Fair, Chickabiddy, 200 Notarius, Self Important. 15 ran. 3l, 4l, 4l, 7l, 6l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.80, £2.90. DF: £11.00. CSF: £15.91.

1.00 (2m 4f) 1, ITYFUL (C Grant, 8-1); 2, Classic Minstrel (P Williams, 20-1); 3, Distant Cherry (B Storey, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 4-7 fav Newlands-General (ur), 7 Strong Fancy (4th), 8 Devongala (5th), 20 Shuli Seer (6th), 25 Muirfield (ur), 66 No Reply (f). 9 ran. 3l, 2½l, nk, 15l, 7l. B Wilkinson at Middleham. Tote: £8.90; £2.00, £3.60, £3.70. DF: £40.90. CSF: £120.66.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, DIZZY (M Moloney, 9-4 fav); 2, Palmas Pride (D Bentley, 33-1); 3, Top Villain (L Wyer, 25-1); 4, TV Pitch (W Dwan, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 West With The Wind, Knights (6th), 10 As d'Eboli, 11 Family Line (5th), 14 Gymcrak Sovereign, Easby Mandrina, 16 Srivijaya, Eddie Walshe, 25 Set The Standards (pu), 33 Amour Royal (pu), Lochearn Lady, 50 Souter's Hill, 200 Kamart. 17 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 1l, 1½l, 3½l. P Monteith at Rosewell. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £6.50, £6.10, £1.80. DF: £244.20. CSF: £87.89. Tricast: £1,418.37.

2.00 (3m ch) 1, EASTERN OASIS (P Williams, 10-1); 2, Break The Chain (Mr A Thornton, 9-2); 3, Very Cheering (A Orkney, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav The Yank (6th), 9-2 Rare Fire, 6 Rose Tableau, 7 Into The Trees (f), 8 Stated Case (5th), 14 Celtic Breeze (pu), 16 Our Survivor (4th), 20 Ginger Pink, Celtic Waters, 50 Miss Timber Topper (f). 13 ran. 2½l, 7l, 10l, hd, 2l. J Andrews at Ladybank. Tote: £10.90; £1.70, £3.20, £5.40. DF: £29.70. CSF: £55.79. Tricast: £841.08.

2.30 (2m) 1, BATABANOO (M Dwyer, 2-1); 2, Kaiko (A Orkney, 7-2); 3, Straw Thatch (B Storey, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Seagull Hollow, 16 Handsome Gent, 20 Media Messenger (4th), Rolling The Bones (5th), 25 Winsome Grain, 33 Shadanza, John Naman (6th), 100 Fort Run, Fetsina, Ravecino. 13 ran. 1l, 6l, nk, ¾l, 4l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £2.30; £1.80, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £8.60. CSF: £10.29.

3.00 (2m ch) 1, SONSIE MO (P Williams, 11-2); 2, Spree Cross (A Larnach, 7-1); 3, Master Salesman (G Cahill, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Mega Blue (4th), 100-30 Tresidder (6th), 8 Clares Own (5th), 9 Island Jetsetter, 10 Positive Action. 8 ran. 1l, 3½l, 1l, 8l, ½l. Mrs S Bradburne at Cupar. Tote: £5.10; £1.60, £2.50, £1.10. DF: £11.60. CSF: £39.56. Tricast: £339.93.

3.30 (2m) 1, BROCTUNE BAY (Mr M Buckley, 2-1 fav); 2, Learner Driver (W Dwan, 20-1); 3, Linngate (F Perratt, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Four Deep (5th), 9-2 Ring Corbitts, 13-2 Mulawih (6th), 8 Just Molly, 10 Linda's Feelings, 12 Donegal Style, Rallegio, 14 Basilicus (4th), High Penhowe, 20 Coqui Lane, 50 Croft Park. 14 ran. NR: Excise Man. 6l, ¾l, 3½l, 1l, 4l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £3.10; £2.90, £5.10, £2.60. DF: £10.30. CSF: £50.46.

Placepot: £1,035.50.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.20 (1m 6f) 1, Bedouin Prince (Mrs M Morris, 33-1); 2, Sugemar (6-1); 3, Cosmic Future (12-1). Postage Stamp 2-1 fav. 12 ran. Sh hd, 7l. B Richmond. Tote: £42.80; £7.50, £1.30, £3.90. DF: £107.00. CSF: £205.25. Tricast: £2,306.45.

1.50 (1m) 1, Diamond Point (C Nutter, 5-4 fav); 2, Master Sinclair (11-8); 3, Aragon King (9-2). 4 ran. NR: Dorazine. 6l, 2½l. M Prescott. Tote: £2.20. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.14.

2.20 (1m) 1, Juvenara (G Bardwell, Evens fav); 2, East Barns (100-30); 3, Borocay (33-1). 6 ran. 3l, ¾l. C Hill. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.61.

2.50 (6f) 1, Pretonic (T Williams, 5-2); 2, Miss Calculate (11-2); 3, Tino Tere (7-1). Appledorn 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 2l, 1½l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.30; £1.90, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £9.50. CSF: £15.21.

3.20 (7f) 1, Miss Gorgeous (Emma O'Gorman, 11-4); 2, Special Risk (2-1 fav); 3, Missed The Boat (3-1). 5 ran. 5l, sh hd. W O'Gorman. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £4.30. CSF: £8.10.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, Well And Truly (D Biggs, 7-4 fav); 2, Sweet Revival (6-1); 3, Tendresse (5-2). 7 ran. 7l, 2½l. B McMahon. Tote: £2.40; £1.90, £2.20. DF: £5.90. CSF: £11.80.

Placepot: £57.10.

□ John Hill, the West Country trainer, has been granted permission to base his horses at Southwell racecourse during the all-weather season.

WARWICK

MANDARIN

12.50 By Far. 1.20 Her Honour. 1.50 Bradbury Star. 2.20 Mizyan. 2.50 Young Benz. 3.20 Winnie The Witch. 3.50 Viaggio.

THUNDERER

12.50 Ballylord. 1.20 Her Honour. 1.50 Bradbury Star. 2.20 Volcanic Dancer. 2.50 Catch The Cross. 3.20 Winnie The Witch. 3.50 Prince Tino.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS

12.50 SHERBOURNE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,232: 2m) (12 runners)

1 124/ PRINCE JUAN 793 (D,BF,S) M Bradstock 6-12-0 ... M P Fitzgerald (4)
2 -211 BALLYLORD 21 (D,G,S) J J O'Neill 9-10-12 ... James Jones
3 31-0 OAK PARK 87 (D,G) J Pickering 5-10-11 ... M Hourigan
4 3460 BY FAR 4 (D,F) O O'Neill 7-10-5 ... V Slattery
5 3-53 MACEDONAS 49 (D,S) T Casey 5-10-5 ... R Greene
6 1/5- SAYMORE 523 (D,G) R Hollinshead 7-10-5 ... S Wynne
7 50-3 CASTLE DIAMOND 182 (F) H Kavanagh 6-10-3 ... W Marston
8 0F14 RED JACK 25 (D,S) J Akehurst 4-10-1 ... J McCarthy
9 4220 ALOSAILI 22 (D,G) B Stevens 6-10-0 ... M Stevens (4)
10 4509 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 26 (F) F Jordan 5-10-0 ... D Meade (4)
11 4313 THUHOOL 14 (S) R Rowe 5-10-0 ... L Dace (4)
12 -P54 KIKIS 19 J Moore 8-10-0 ... P Moore (4)

2-1 Ballylord, 7-2 Red Jack, 5-1 Thuhool, 6-1 Macedonas, 10-1 Castle Diamond, 12-1 Oak Park, By Far, 14-1 Alosaili, Prince Juan, 20-1 others.

1.20 LEASOWES NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,473: 2m) (13)

1 1 HER HONOUR 30 (D,S) M Pipe 11-0 ... P Scudamore
2 AMLAK 143F J Banks 10-12 ... S Keightley
3 2 BUSMAN 43 W Muir 10-12 ... D J Burchell
4 CAL'S BOY 23F J Smith 10-12 ... I Lawrence
5 42 KING'S TREASURE 21 I Balding 10-12 ... J Frost
6 MR ZIEGFELD 103F B Baker 10-12 ... W McFarland
7 24 ROCK HARD 45 William Price 10-12 ... B Clifford (3)
8 F STORM RISK 29 J Tuck 10-12 ... R Farrant (5)
9 8644 SUEZ CANAL 30 F Jordan 10-12 ... J Lodder
10 5 AFFA 70 T Thomson Jones 10-7 ... D Murphy
11 ESPRIT FORT 61F P Chapple-Hyam 10-7 ... G Bradley
12 REACH ME NOT 350F Mrs N Sharpe 10-7 ... M Bosley
13 F SHARRIBA 28 G Humphrey 10-7 ... A Webb

4-7 Her Honour, 5-1 King's Treasure, 6-1 Esprit Fort, 10-1 Busman, 12-1 Rock Hard, 20-1 others.

1.50 WARWICK PREMIER CHASE
(£4,890: 3m 2f) (6)

1 -212 BLACK HUMOUR 35 (G,S) C Brooks 9-11-10 ... G Bradley
2 -134 BRADBURY STAR 14 (CD,F,G,S) J Gifford 8-11-10 ... D Murphy
3 P1-3 CACHE FLEUR 14 (B,C,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-3 ... M Foster
4 22- FIDDLERS PIKE 255 (C,S) Mrs R Henderson 12-11-3 ... Mrs R Henderson
5 4122 GLENBROOK D'OR 14 (CD,G,S) A J Wilson 9-11-3 ... L Harvey
6 0-53 MARINERS LEGEND 22 R Hollinshead 7-10-12 ... S Wynne

4-6 Bradbury Star, 7-2 Black Humour, 6-1 Cache Fleur, 10-1 Glenbrook D'Or, 20-1 Fiddlers Pike, 40-1 Mariners Legend.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 37 winners from 118 runners, 31.4%; N Gaselee, 8 from 26, 30.8%; J J O'Neill, 3 from 13, 23.1%; J Gifford, 8 from 38, 21.1%; Mrs J Pitman, 16 from 80, 20.0%; D Nicholson, 12 from 77, 15.6%.

JOCKEYS: R Campbell, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; P Scudamore, 30 from 82, 36.6%; M Pitman, 11 from 39, 28.2%; N Mann, 6 from 31, 19.4%; W Marston, 3 from 19, 15.8%; M Foster, 3 from 19, 15.8%.

2.20 WHITNASH HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,522: 2m 4f 110yd) (13)

1 610P ASK MOSS 14 (B,S) G Balding 8-11-10 ... S Hodgson
2 4543 FIGHT TO WIN 12 (D,F,G) I Balding 5-11-7 ... J Frost
3 0-23 MIZYAN 49 J Banks 5-11-5 ... S Keightley
4 12-0 GYMCRAK STARDOM 28 (G) M H Easterby 7-11-4 ... R Garritty
5 /0-0 THE PAPPARAZI 8 (D,G,S) B Curley 13-10-13 ... D Murphy
6 20-5 VOLCANIC DANCER 21 (F,S) J Mackie 7-10-11 ... W McFarland
7 0-65 JAILBREAKER 14 (G) B Millman 6-10-11 ... A Webb
8 0-21 TACTICAL MISSION 29 (D,G) J Akehurst 5-10-9 ... L Harvey
9 30-0 LUKE'S BRAVE BOY 28 (S) Mrs V Ward 5-10-6 ... P Hide (7)
10 UP0- CAPTAIN AHAB 298 (F) J White 9-10-0 ... B Clifford (3)
11 -PP0 IT'S SO 24 (S) W G Turner 7-10-0 ... Tracy Turner
12 P-40 KITCHI KOO 12 (S) A J Wilson 9-10-0 ... K Brown (7)
13 36-3 MY SWAN SONG 64 (F) J Smith 8-10-0 ... I Lawrence

3-1 Mizyan, 4-1 Tactical Mission, 6-1 Ask Moss, The Papparazi, 8-1 Fight To Win, 10-1 Gymcrack Stardom, 14-1 Jailbreaker, Volcanic Dancer, 16-1 others.

2.50 EDWARD COURAGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,659: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 2-3U BEECH ROAD 49 (D,F,G,S) G Balding 11-12-0 ... J Frost
2 3/34 YOUNG BENZ 21 (S) M H Easterby 9-11-12 ... R Garritty
3 -544 GOOD TONIC 12 (D,F,G,S) T Etherington 10-11-4 ... P Hide (7)
4 4-6U OUR NOBBY 7 (D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 11-11-3 ... Mr R Alner
5 PP/U ENVOPAK TOKEN 29 (CD,F,G,S) G Humphrey 12-10-13 ... G Bradley
6 14-1 CATCH THE CROSS 33 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-10-12 M Foster
7 -12P KENTISH PIPER 29 (CD,BF,F,G) N Gaselee 8-10-1 ... D Murphy

2-1 Beech Road, 5-2 Catch The Cross, 100-30 Young Benz, 6-1 Good Tonic, 8-1 Kentish Piper, 14-1 Our Nobby, 40-1 Envopak Token

3.20 BURTON HILL NOVICES CHASE
(£4,292: 2m 4f 110yd) (16)

1 4-11 WINNIE THE WITCH 53 (CD,F,G,S) K Bridgwater 9-11-7 ... D Bridgwater
2 00P- ARTFUL ARTHUR 250 (G) J McConnochie 7-10-12 ... I Lawrence
3 001/ BIG DIAMOND 928F (F,G) I Campbell 9-10-12 ... R Campbell
4 -044 CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 43 P Bevan 7-10-12 ... T Wall
5 3223 DONT TELL THE WIFE 26 Mrs D Haine 7-10-12 ... G Bradley
6 5/PU ESPERO 29 C Vernon Miller 12-10-12 ... W Humphreys
7 04/P EXTRA GRAND 77 O Sherwood 7-10-12 ... A S Smith
8 3-P2 FRENCH CHARMER 42 J Gifford 8-10-12 ... D Murphy
9 30-F PRIME DISPLAY 14 (D,BF,G,S) O Sherwood 7-10-12 Mr J Durkan
10 -14U RATHVINDEN HOUSE 23 (D,G,S) T Thomson Jones 6-10-12 ... J Frost
11 -350 SHANNON GLEN 26 (D,BF,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-12 ... M Pitman
12 34-P THE BUTLER 22 Miss D Baker 7-10-12 ... Mr T Jenks (7)
13 P0-6 TIM SOLDIER 8 (D,S) M Barraclough 6-10-12 ... R Garritty
14 5P-F FROZEN FLAME 24 R Hollinshead 8-10-7 ... Gary Lyons
15 6/P4 LADY BLIZZARD 26 A Mason 11-10-7 ... Lorna Vincent
16 5/PF TANDERAGEE 21 (S) Mrs N Sharpe 12-10-7 ... Martin Jones

5-4 Winnie The Witch, 5-2 Prime Display, 6-1 Rathvinden House, 7-1 French Charmer, 10-1 Shannon Glen, 12-1 Dont Tell The Wife, 16-1 others.

3.50 HAMPTON HILL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,199: 2m) (14)

1 412 SUPER SPELL 14 (S) G Ham 7-11-10 ... R Davis (5)
2 2-P3 BLACK JOKER 67 A J Wilson 7-10-12 ... Mr T Jenks (7)
3 5210 VIAGGIO 8 (S) J Akehurst 5-10-11 ... G Bradley
4 40-5 FASTBIT 47 C Jackson 6-10-11 ... W Humphreys
5 -022 PRINCE TINO 66 N Gaselee 5-10-8 ... D Murphy
6 2FPP STRONG BREEZE 51 C Popham 9-10-3 ... I Lawrence
7 68/0 PERSIAN SWORD 717 D Nicholson 7-10-0 ... W Marston (5)
8 0P-0 L'UOMO CLASSICS 72 R Rowe 6-10-0 ... Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
9 00P5 SAFE ARRIVAL 3 (B) T Kersey 5-10-0 ... V Smith
10 -160 HAND IN GLOVE 24 (B,D,S) R Brotherton 7-10-0 ... D Bridgwater
11 -P55 ROMANY SPLIT 33 D Nicholson 8-10-0 ... R Massey (7)
12 P60- DYD 273 F Jordan 5-10-0 ... J Lodder
13 040 GOLDEN ANCONA 38 M Bristan 10-10-0 ... S Mason (7)
14 PP-5 LLANELLY 22 G Roe 6-10-0 ... P McDermott

9-4 Viaggio, 3-1 Prince Tino, 9-2 Super Spell, 6-1 Hand In Glove, 8-1 Fastbit, 12-1 Black Joker, 14-1 Persian Sword, 16-1 others.

Williams in double form

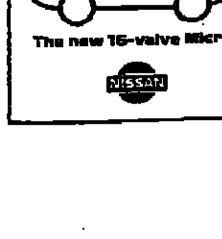
PAUL Williams, the conditional rider, had a day to remember at Edinburgh yesterday when he completed the first double of his career, at over 70-1, on Eastern Oasis and Sonsie Mo.

Eastern Oasis was left in the lead when Miss Timber Topper took a crashing fall four from home in the Auchengray Novices' Handicap Chase.

But there was no fluke about Sonsie Mo's win in the Pathead Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase. Williams producing a stirring finish on Sue Bradburne's gelding to regain the lead close home from Spree Cross.

Mary Reveley recorded a double with Batabanoo and Broctune Bay.

It's an odds-on favourite.



The new 16-valve Micra.

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LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN

12.55 Splash Of Salt. 1.25 Stalled. 1.55 Absonal. 2.25 Vintage. 2.55 Cretoes Dancer. 3.25 Banbury Flyer.

THUNDERER

12.55 Splash Of Salt. 1.25 High Summer. 1.55 Master Hyde. 2.25 Dr Zeva. 2.55 Mentalasanythin. 3.25 Banbury Flyer.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW TO MIDDLE NUMBERS BEST

12.55 BLUEBELL CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,304: 5f) (5 runners)

1 000- PURBECK CENTENARY 89 M Chapman 8-13 ... Lorna Vincent 1
2 10-3 TEE-EMM 7 (G) P Howling 8-11 ... L Carter (7) 4
3 31-2 SPLASH OF SALT 7 T Naughton 8-2 ... D Holland 2
4 860- AIR COMMAND 23 R Hannon 7-13 ... D Biggs 5
5 40-6 WEALTHYWOO 7 (V,D,S) H Collingridge 7-8 ... D Wright (7) 3

6-4 Splash Of Salt, 5-2 Air Command, 7-2 Tee-Emm, 4-1 Wealthywoo, 25-1 Purbeck Centenary

1.25 ALPINE DOUBLE GLAZING MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,208: 1m 2f) (13)

1 BARSAL J Parkes 9-0 ... Dale Gibson 5
2 5- HIGH SUMMER 18 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 ... M Hills 11
3 0- SALBUS 88 (E) S Dow 9-0 ... A McGlone 2
4 500- SILENT PRINCE 18 Miss B Sanders 9-0 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 3
5 553- STALLED 18 P Walwyn 9-0 ... D Biggs 1
6 003- STEVIE'S WONDER 18 W Carter 9-0 ... N Gwilliams (5) 6
7 0- WESTRAY 143 J Scargill 9-0 ... A Tucker (3) 4
8 0- DIAMOND LUCY 253 W O'Gorman 8-9 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 8
9 800- GREY WATCH 18 P Howling 8-9 ... J Williams 7
10 044- NANNY MARGARET 24 (B) P Kelleway 8-9 ... G Bardwell 10
11 ROWLANDSONS GOLD M Channon 8-9 ... J Quinn 13
12 04- SPORTING MISSILE 18 J Gosden 8-9 ... D Holland 12
13 06- TACITURN 18 M Prescott 8-9 ... C Nutter 9

7-2 Stalled, 4-1 Stevie's Wonder, 5-1 Grey Watch, 6-1 Salbus, High Summer, 8-1 Sporting Missile, 10-1 Nanny Margaret, 12-1 others.

1.55 DAFFODIL HANDICAP (£3,460: 1m) (7)

1 600/0- BUSTER 21 (F,G) Mrs B Waring 5-10-0 ... K Rutter (5) 1
2 030- TRY LEGUARD 7J (C,G) J Moore 4-9-10 ... A Tucker (3) 5
3 12-1 ABSONAL 7 (CD,F,G) R Hannon 6-9-4 ... A McGlone 2
4 56-0 SARUM 7 (CD,F) C Wildman 7-8-5 ... Dale Gibson 7
5 31-3 MASTER HYDE 7 (D) P Mitchell 4-8-4 ... D Biggs 6
6 006- ITHKURNI 9 P Hayward 4-8-2 ... G Bardwell 3
7 0631- SCOTS LAW 21 (B,CD,F) R O'Sullivan 6-7-7 ... J Quinn 4

9-4 Absonal, 5-2 Master Hyde, 4-1 Scots Law, 7-1 Sarum, 10-1 Ithkurni, 12-1 Try Leguard, 33-1 Buster.

2.25 VIOLET HANDICAP (£2,820: 1m 5f) (7)

1 8442- VINTAGE 18 (F,S) W Ham 8-10-0 ... J Williams 3
2 840- COLERIDGE 64 (V,F,G) D Shaw 5-9-7 ... K Rutter (5) 2
3 0332- SCOTONI 19J (CD,F) R O'Sullivan 7-8-12 ... D Biggs 6
4 6005- HUNTING GROUND 9 R Peacock 5-8-4 ... A Tucker (3) 1
5 4000/ ILDERTON ROAD 425 Mrs B Waring 6-8-4 ... G Bardwell 5
6 362- ROMANIAN 65 R Akehurst 5-7-10 ... J Quinn 4
7 214- DR ZEVA 9 (CD,F) M Dixon 7-7-7 ... D Wright (7) 7

5-2 Dr Zeva, 3-1 Vintage, 4-1 Coleridge, 9-2 Romanian, 7-1 Scotoni, 12-1 Hunting Ground, 16-1 Ilderton Road.

2.55 PRIMROSE APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,629: 1m 2f) (13)

1 013- TAUNTING 24 (CD) M Blanshard 5-9-10 ... S McCarthy (5) 11
2 43-5 MENTALASANYTHIN 7 (G) A Bailey 4-9-9 ... D Wright 2
3 251- CARLOWITZ 21 (CD) A Moore 5-9-4 ... B Russell 5
4 20-1 MERRYHILL MADAM 8 J Harris 4-9-4 ... J Tate 9
5 513- CRETOES DANCER 9 (B,CD) W Muir 4-9-3 ... Kim McDonnell 1
6 500- BEAM ME UP SCOTTY 80J P Mitchell 4-9-0 ... N Gwilliams 10
7 026- FLASH OF STRAW 9 (B) J Akehurst 4-8-12 ... T Ashley (5) 8
8 605- BAYIN 9 M Usher 4-8-8 ... A Tucker 6
9 03-6 GEMINI BAY 7 (B,F,G) R Voorspuy 4-8-4 ... S Drowne 13
10 600/ LEAH JAY 28J (B) E Wheeler 6-8-2 ... J Wilkinson (7) 12
11 000- STATION EXPRESS 32J (F) B Ellison 5-8-1 ... G Rothwell (7) 3
12 000- PETITE BELLE 12 (V) R Whitaker 4-7-9 ... A Garth 4
13 000- BROUGHTON BLUES 21 (B,C,S) W Musson 5-7-7 ... D McCabe (5) 7

7-2 Merryhill Madam, 4-1 Mentalasanythin, 11-2 Taunting, Cretoes Dancer, 6-1 Flash Of Straw, 8-1 Carlowitz, 10-1 others.

3.25 LADBROKE ALL WEATHER TROPHY HANDICAP (£2,794: 6f) (7)

1 146- RUSHANES 9 (S) T Casey 6-10-0 ... B Russell (7) 6
2 600- MEESON TIMES 24 (CD,F,S) B Ellison 5-9-12 ... M Hills 5
3 212- BANBURY FLYER 24 (CD,F) Mrs A King 5-9-11 ... J Quinn 7
4 12-6 NOBBY BARNES 5 D Wilson 4-9-8 ... J Williams 3
5 00-1 SIRMOOR 7 (B,CD) R Hannon 4-9-4 ... A McGlone 1
6 03-5 TOSHIBA COMET 7 (E,CD,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 6-9-3 ... D Biggs 4
7 563- BRIGHT PARAGON 9 (C,S) H Collingridge 4-8-6 Dale Gibson 2

5-2 Banbury Flyer, 7-2 Toshiba Comet, 9-2 Bright Paragon, 5-1 Sirmoor, 11-2 Nobby Barnes, 8-1 Rushanes, 10-1 Meeson Times.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Harris, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 6 from 23, 26.1%; J Gosden, 7 from 28, 25.0%; W O'Gorman, 27 from 121, 22.3%; M Prescott, 14 from 64, 21.9%; R O'Sullivan, 17 from 97, 17.5%.

JOCKEYS: Emma O'Gorman, 25 winners from 110 rides, 22.7%; K Rutter, 5 from 30, 16.7%; M Hills, 21 from 131, 16.0%; J Williams, 39 from 291, 13.4%; D Holland, 9 from 78, 14.5%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

Lingfield Park: 2.55 Leah Jay, Petite Belle.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Lingfield, Southwell (AW)
TUESDAY: Chepstow, Leicester, Lingfield (AW).
WEDNESDAY: Kelso, Plumpton, Southwell (AW)
THURSDAY: Wetherby, Wincanton, Lingfield (AW).
FRIDAY: Ascot, Edinburgh, Southwell (AW)
SATURDAY: Ascot, Newcastle, Market Rasen, Lingfield (AW).
(Flat meetings in bold)

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WARWICK	103	203	303
LINGFIELD PK	104	204	304
LEOPARDSTOWN	120	220	320
GREYHOUNDS	122	222	322

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Saturday portrait: David Nicholson, by Richard Evans, racing correspondent

Duke is crowned king of the castle after taking care of business

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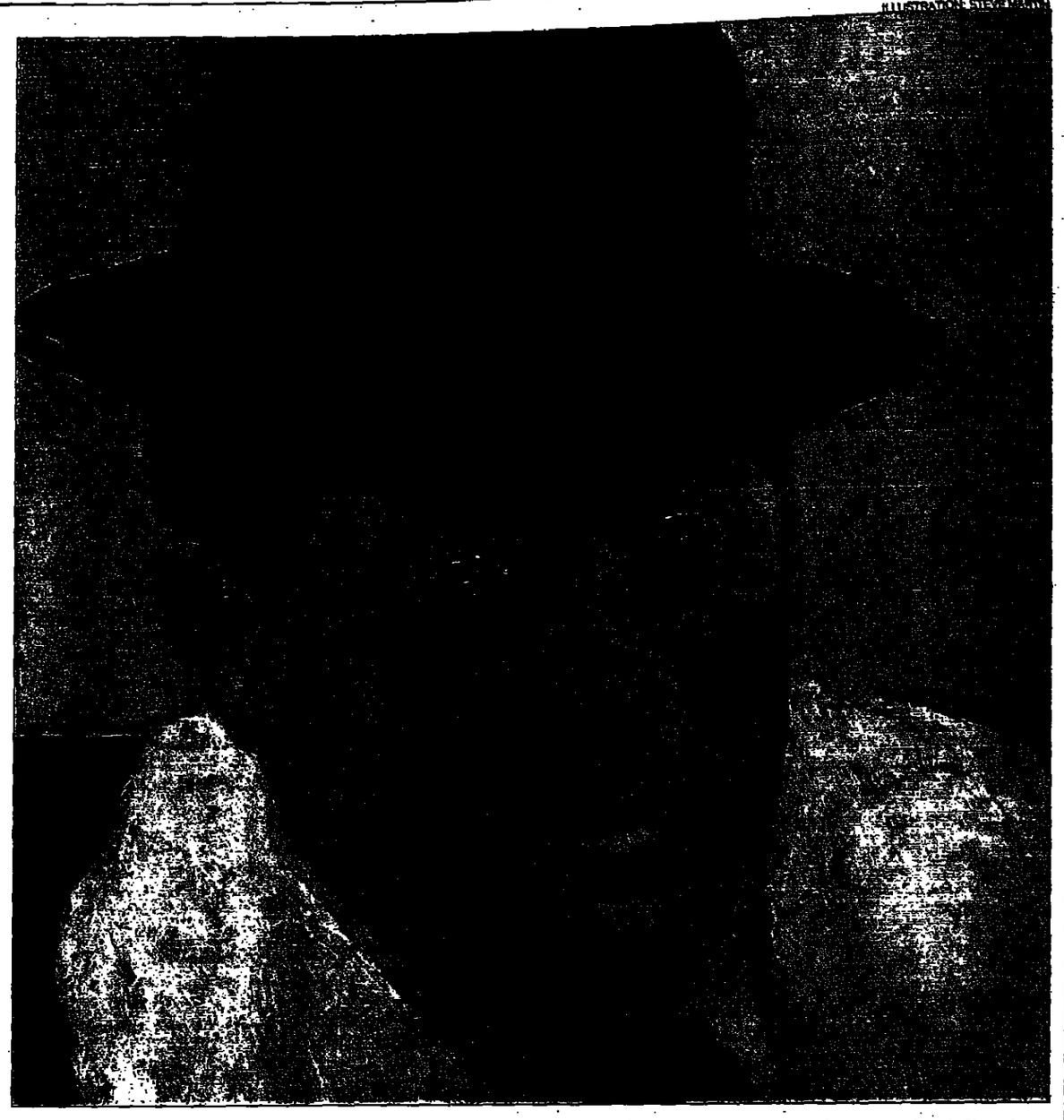


Only a personal crisis can determine if friends are real or fair weather, as David Nicholson discovered in November 1984.

"The Duke," as the larger-than-life trainer is known throughout racing, was a short head from being forced out of the job for which he was bred. The reason was simple. While he is a natural horseman and gifted trainer, he is most certainly not a graduate of the Harvard Business School. He is not alone in that respect in the racing world but, with typical candour, he at least admits it.

Balance sheets, VAT forms, bills and all the financial bureaucracy that go with running a business were viewed as a time-wasting intrusion that tended to be put to one side as he immersed himself in what really mattered — horses.

Eight winters ago, Nicholson nearly paid the penalty and was hours from going under when he discovered the truth about his friends. They rallied round. A dozen of them — headed by Lord Vestey, Ben Brooks, a farmer from near Woodstock, and Henry Shouler — quickly raised the necessary money to form David Nicholson Racing. The company, the fresh money and advantages offered by the then new business expansion scheme helped to save the day and the man.

The reason for focusing on one of Nicholson's darkest hours is not to highlight a rare failing. The crisis was also a turning point that is crucial in understanding why he is now enjoying the finest season of his career; a season that could end with him challenging Martin Pipe for the title of champion National Hunt trainer.

The creation of David Nicholson Racing freed him from the day-to-day financial worries that had weighed him down for so long. While Shouler became the unofficial "chancellor of the exchequer", and took care of the money side of the business, Nicholson could, for the first time, devote all his energies to what he does best.

A season later, the benefits began to show as Solar Cloud won the Triumph Hurdle to break his Cheltenham festival hoodoo.

Having endured two wretched virus-ridden years, in which his seasonal tally fell from 64 to 17, the winners also started to return in number and soon included a Gold Cup winner in Charter Party. They have not stopped.

This season, Cheltenham-bound stars such as Mighty Mogul, Barton Bank, Wonder Man and Baydon Star have contributed to £367,000 prize-money. With 50 winners from just 148 runners, he is only 17 short of his previous best in 1981-2. His strike rate of 34 per cent is the best among Britain's leading 50 trainers.

It is hard to imagine jump racing without Nicholson because he epitomises the traditions and spirit of the winter game. An imposing man with a no-nonsense approach to life, he believes that if something is worth doing, it is worth doing well, with everyone mucking in. He is a stickler for neatness and order. Horses' rugs must be smart; jockeys' silks clean.

'He leads by example. Seventy-five years ago, he would have been one of the first "over the top". No one would have dared not follow'

Immediately recognisable on the racecourse, with his sheepskin overcoat, red socks, National Hunt Jockeys' Cricket Club tie and trilby, The Duke can appear slightly intimidating. Looking straight in the eye of anyone to whom he is talking, he chooses his words with deliberate care.

Anyone who has been on the receiving end is not likely to forget it. James Evans, a leading Australian jump jockey, retreated back to his home country not long after infuriating Nicholson during a schooling session last year, when he nearly put the stable jockey, Richard Dunwoody, through the wings of a hurdle.

However, Nicholson is the first to forget harsh words and sort out any disagreement over a drink and a joke. He believes life is for living and enjoys what the Irish call "the crack".

Genuinely liked by those who work for him, he has the knack of leading a good team with a mixture of humour, charm and lordly aggression. Leadership by example and his special presence is matched by the loyalty and respect he inspires in others.

Seventy-five years ago, he would have been one of the first "over the top". No one would have dared not follow.

Nicholson was born nearly 54 years ago — his birthday falls 24 hours after Cheltenham Gold Cup day — within sight of jump racing's headquarters at Prestbury Park. The son of "Frenchie" Nicholson, a successful jockey and trainer, racing was in his blood.

Pony clubs gave way to riding out for his father and an uncle, Willie Stephenson, at Royston. At 12, he rode in his first Flat race, weighing 4½st, at Newmarket — four years before he made a winning debut over hurdles on Fairval at Chepstow.

At school, he excelled on the sports field rather than in the classroom. He still remembers with pride playing in school first teams at cricket, football and rugby. His academic record is simply summed up. "I was lame above the shoulders."

Given the choice by his father of staying on at Haileybury for O levels, or earning a living, Nicholson opted for the five shillings a week on offer at his father's yard. Despite topping six feet, he could do 10st 3lb and rode 583 winners between 1955 and 1974. His biggest success came in the 1967 Whitbread Gold Cup on Mill House for Fulke Walwyn.

Nicholson does not subscribe to the theory that the "good old days" — when he rode alongside Josh Gifford, Terry Biddlecombe and Stan Mellor — were any better than those enjoyed by present day riders. But there were differences. They lived every day as though it were the last, spent every penny they earned and lived life to the full — on the cricket field as well as the racecourse.

Cricket is Nicholson's second love. One of his proudest moments was when he was called up as a last-minute replacement for Godfrey Evans, when Old England played Old Australia, and he caught Doug Walters at long-on off the bowling of Brian Close. He was a useful opening bowler but is best remembered, perhaps unfairly, for temperamental outbursts usually aimed at umpires.

On one occasion, he took a side to Exeter to play a celebrity team that included Denis Compton and Eddie Barlow. John Buckingham, rider of the 100-1 Grand National winner Foinavon, had a broken leg and was umpiring while sitting on a shooting stick.

The Duke repeatedly appealed for leg-before as his fast "in-dippers" hit the batsmen's pads. Each time, Buckingham turned him down. After more than half a dozen unsuccessful shouts, he turned to Buckingham and stormed: "If that wasn't out, this is." He then kicked away his shooting stick.

A fiercely competitive streak still burns inside Nicholson, although it is more controlled now. He has held a trainer's licence since 1968 and would love to be champion trainer "and win a Champion Hurdle and Grand National on the way."

If he succeeds, it will be due in part to his willingness to adapt. In many respects, he still trains in an old-fashioned way.

But he has also moved with the times and the interval training he uses for some horses is very much in the style of Pipe. "As the old man said: 'If you can't beat 'em, join 'em'," he said.

The facilities at his new base, Jackdaws Castle, also means Nicholson's horses are now fully fit. It was not always the case in the past due to the limited gallops at his former yard in Condicote.

The 250-acre purpose-built training complex, half a dozen miles west of Stow-on-the-Wold, is the antithesis of Condicote, with infra red lamps in 80 boxes and six gallops. The move to Jackdaws Castle followed a chat with Colin Smith, part-owner of Charter Party and a highly successful businessman. Smith looks after the business side of the venture.

David Nicholson Racing is now being wound down and those friends who helped him out in his hour of need are set to be rewarded with a profit. The Duke is not complaining, either.

TENNIS

Germans reap reward for power in singles

Perth, Australia: Steffi Graf and Michael Stich lifted Germany to victory over Spain in the final of the Hopman Cup tournament yesterday. Graf, the world No. 2 and Wimbledon champion, led the top seeds to their triumph with a 6-4, 6-3 defeat of Arantxa Sánchez Vicario before Stich, himself a former Wimbledon winner, gave them an unbeatable 2-0 lead with a 7-5, 6-4 win in the men's singles over Emilio Sánchez.

The Spanish were overwhelmed by the power of the German pair. Sánchez, who has never beaten Stich, battled bravely and forced breaks of serve in both sets, but the German was able to raise his game on vital points and appropriately won the match on a booming service down the centre.

The victory was particularly satisfying for Graf, who was denied last year's trophy when a virus contributed to a semi-final loss with Boris Becker and later forced her withdrawal from the Australian Open.

The Germans forfeited the meaningless mixed doubles, making the result of the tie 2-1. *(Reuter)*

RESULTS (German names first): S Graf bt A Sánchez Vicario, 6-4, 6-3; M Stich bt E Sánchez, 7-5, 6-4; Sánchez and Sánchez Vicario bt Stich and Graf, walkover.

☐ Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash will miss the Australian Open, starting on January 18, because of a recurring knee injury. However, he said yesterday that he plans to return full-time to the professional circuit.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
FRANCE							
La Clusaz	20	150	good	icy	cloudy	3	10/12
(Compact snow on most pistes with icy patches on lower slopes)							
Risoul	30	100	compact	icy	overcast	5	7/12
(Best skiing on upper slopes on hard, compact snow)							
Val d'Isère	100	190	good	open	cloudy	2	12/12
(Artificial snow on lower slopes; 46 lifts and 64 pistes open)							
Valmenier	20	120	fair	difficult	cloudy	2	12/12
(Best skiing on south-facing upper slopes; 26 lifts open)							
Val Thorens	110	300	good	open	cloudy	2	12/12
(Still good skiing at all levels; all lifts and pistes open)							
SWITZERLAND							
Gstaad	20	300	poor	patchy	cloudy	3	12/12
(Lower slopes not recommended; best skiing on glacier)							
Laax Flims	20	180	fair	patchy	overcast	0	7/1
(Best skiing on glacier)							
Les Diablerets	20	350	good	thin	cloudy	7	12/12
(Good skiing above middle station; link with Villars open)							
Nendaz	20	250	good	thin	cloudy	3	12/12
(Best skiing on hardpacked snow above middle station)							
St Moritz	60	110	good	open	cloudy	-1	8/12
(High altitude sustaining snow level; resort open to full extent)							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	70	200	hardpacked	fair	cloudy	0	7/12
(Best skiing on the Toula glacier; 18 lifts and 23 pistes open)							
Sauze d'Oulx	40	90	good	open	cloudy	8	26/12
(Compact snow on most pistes with icy patches on lower slopes)							
Selva	40	90	good	patchy	cloudy	0	8/12
(Still good skiing on upper slopes; all lifts open)							
AUSTRIA							
Fulpmes	3	70	poor	closed	rain	3	7/1
(Poor skiing conditions due to mild weather)							
Hinterglemm	20	75	fair	patchy	rain	4	8/1
(Rain softening lower slopes; light snow on upper runs)							
Mayrhofen	10	60	fair	closed	cloudy	3	7/1
(Best skiing on highest slopes and Hintertux glacier)							
Zell am See	3	70	fair	poor	rain	4	13/12
(Snow softening on upper slopes; valley runs best avoided)							
SPAIN							
Formigal	20	55	hardpacked	icy	sunny	3	24/12
(Best skiing above middle station; 17 lifts and 23 pistes open)							

Information supplied by Ski Hotline

ATHLETICS

McKiernan develops long vision

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

AS Elana Meyer, the Olympic 10,000 metres runner-up, was saying in Durham last week, her event, which is also Liz McColgan's, is fast growing in competitiveness. And now, as if to illustrate Meyer's point, Catherina McKiernan is to make it her distance.

McKiernan, from Ireland, was last season's women's world cross challenge champion, and was second behind Lynn Jennings in the world cross country championship in Boston in March 1992. But, a few months later, she made no impression on the Olympics at 3,000 metres, failing to reach the final.

"There is no point in sticking around in the shorter distances," McKiernan, 23, said. "The 10,000 metres is what I am made for."

Her strength should serve her well over 25 laps, and today she will no doubt indicate, at the Belfast world cross challenge race, that she will challenge again for the world title. McKiernan is expected to win in Belfast against opposition that includes Paula Radcliffe, the world junior champion who split Derartu Tulu, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion, and Meyer at Durham.

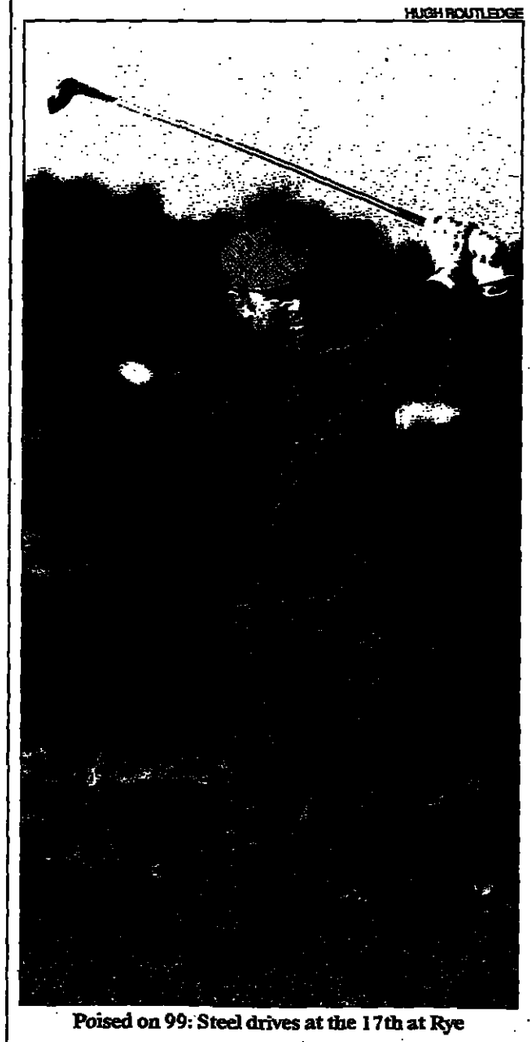
McKiernan won her latest cross challenge race in Mol, Belgium, three weeks ago, but she wishes races were longer. In Mol they went 4,750 metres. "I am only just starting to get going when the race has finished," she said. The Belfast distance is 4,500 metres. "Compared with last year, my training is better," she said.

Unlike McColgan, Meyer and Tulu, she still does a morning's work every weekday as a telephonist. McKiernan has never raced over 10,000 metres. How does she expect to do at the distance against Meyer, McColgan et al? "I really have not thought about it," she said. The first thing is to beat them to the world cross country title in March.

Society's century club is about to double its membership

Steel has notable landmark in view

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Poised on 99: Steel drives at the 17th at Rye

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

DONALD Steel, winner of the President's Putter at Rye in 1964, 1970 and 1982, gained two victories in this year's event yesterday and as a result will, this morning, become the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society's second centurion when he plays Matthew Yates in the fifth round.

He admitted modestly that not all the matches were first-class — but they all count. The only man to play more matches was the late Gerald Micklem, winner of the Putter in 1953, the year he won the English amateur championship for the second time.

Micklem, a giant of amateur golf on the administrative side, played 111 matches but retired from the competition in the early 1970s, giving his reason succinctly and inimitably: "I wanted to give up before people began to be surprised at me getting through the first round."

Steel, who is still the right side of 60, has not reached that point and could yet set an unattainable target, for John Uzielli, his nearest challenger, who is on 93, had his confidence dented somewhat by Richard Sanders, his young opponent in the third round.

Uzielli, winner in 1965, hit two particularly dire shots in succession and Sanders asked, innocently and affably, "What year did you win this?"

Uzielli was able to reply, truthfully: "Before you were born."

In the third round yesterday morning, on a gloriously clear day, Steel beat Andrew Mangeot, a frustrated novelist who last year earned his living by caddying for Eric Giraud on the European Tour last year, by a margin of 2 and 1.

In the fourth round, Steel met John Behrend, a fellow veteran and former captain of the Royal and Ancient, and was four up after seven holes, with little sign of the nervous havering on 99 that was to follow.

Behrend, wearing an experienced hat of the type Douglas Hurd sports in Moscow, recovered to be only two down playing the 12th.

He was short of the green in two, with Steel ten feet from the pin eyeing an eagle. But ever competitive, Behrend got down in four, Steel missed and, still seething, lost the next. It must have crossed his mind that he was going to be run out on 99 after all.

However, at the 14th, after a tee shot kindly described as commercial, Steel holed a four foot putt — just — for a half in three and won the next two holes and the match.

In the game in front, between Chris Dale, last year's Cambridge captain, and Andrew Stracey, three times a beaten finalist, there was even more drama.

Dale, three down after five holes to some stellar play, was still one down with two to play. He chipped in for an unlikely birdie two to win the 17th and at the last, Stracey lost a ball and the match. He had not been behind until that point.

Dale was apologetic but Stracey, admirably practical, headed for the bar.

☐ Fred Couples, the Masters champion, has been voted the US PGA Tour's player of the year for the second season in succession.

RESULTS

SECOND ROUND: M G Ebert (C, Fitzwilliam) bt S D Ellis (C, Pembroke), at 23rd; A H Catchpole (O, University) bt G R Hughes (C, Caius), at 20th.

THIRD ROUND: J T L Watson (C, Trinity Hall) bt N A Theyer (C, Peterhouse), 2 holes; S P R Jenkins (O, Worcester) bt Rev M P K Bonney (C, St Catherine's), 1 hole; R A Sanders (O, Merton) bt W J Uzielli (O, Trinity), 5 and 4; R W Evans (C, Wolfson) bt T M Walker (C, Magdalene), 4 and 3; R F H Petch (O, Magdalen) bt D C Taylor (C, Selwyn), 7 and 6; S M Ritchie (O, Christ Church) bt C E Travers (C, Jesus), 3 and 2; T S Tew (O, Wolfson) bt W H Barclay (C, St John's), 1 hole; D E F Simons (C, Corpus Christi) bt J B Wild (O, St John's), 2 and 1; T J Hanson (C, St John's) bt P H Weller (C, St John's), 2 and 1; D Rowley-Jones (C, Selwyn) bt N R M Philcox (O, New College), 7 and 6; A P Stracey (C, Fitzwilliam) bt P Dawson (C, Corpus Christi), 4 and 3; C J Dale (Trinity Hall) bt A W J Holmes (C, St John's), 5 and 4; D M A Steel (C, Christ's) bt A Mangeot (O, Trinity), 2 and 1.

J E Behrend (O, Corpus) bt M C Grint (O, Brasenose), 1 hole; M Yates (O, St Catherine's) bt R D Marett (O, St Anne's), 2 and 1; P R Pentecost (C, Pembroke) bt J D S Fricker (O, Balliol), at 19th; C J Waight (C, Jesus) bt M R Butler (O, St Edmund Hall), 1 hole; M W M R MacPhee (O, Oriel) bt D J Warden (C, Fitzwilliam), 5 and 4; T M Fitzsimmons (O, Queen's) bt B G Streather (O, St Edmund Hall), at 19th; D C Meacher (C, Fitzwilliam) bt P B Merry (C, Downing), 7 and 6; J S Young (C, Churchill) bt P J R Souster (C, Queens'), 3 and 2; N J Burke (O, Lady Margaret Hall) bt A Bestianello (O, Oriel), 2 and 1.

W H P Jackson (O, St Peter's) bt P J R Bathurst (C, Magdalene), 6 and 5; M R A Cox (C, Girton) bt A D Chilvers (O, St Benet's Hall), 2 and 1; Ebert bt N J Grant (C, Christ's), 1 hole; A J Murley (C, St Catharine's) bt D L Rendall (O, Oriel), 5 and 4; J C Baty (O, Oriel) bt Catchpole, at 19th; J Clennett (O, Christ Church) bt A C Hodson (O, St Peter's), 3 and 2; C R Haines (C, Trinity) bt J M Peel (O, Worcester), 6 and 5; I J Maddaford (C, Fitzwilliam) bt P L Osborn (O), 6 and 5; J Chiene (C, Queens') bt D W McClean (C, Trinity), at 19th; P M Green (C, Emmanuel) bt N B Peplow (C, Jesus), 2 holes.

FOURTH ROUND: Watson bt Jenkins, 2 and 1; Sanders bt Evans, 2 holes; Petch bt Ritchie, 1 hole; Tew bt Simons, 3 and 2; Hanson bt Rowley-Jones, 2 and 1; Dale bt Stracey, 1 hole; Steel bt Behrend, 3 and 2; Yates bt Pentecost, 2 and 1; Weight bt MacPhee, 4 and 3; Meacher bt Fitzsimmons, 2 and 1; Young bt Burke, 2 and 1; Cox bt Jackson, 4 and 3; Ebert bt Murley, 3 and 2; Clennett bt Baty, 2 and 1; Haines bt Maddaford, 3 and 2; Green bt Chiene, 3 and 2.

Saby extends his lead in Paris-Dakar

Bruno Saby, of France, extended his lead in the Paris-Dakar motor rally even though Ari Vatanen took the special stage in Algeria yesterday.

Vatanen, of Finland, won the 550km leg but remained twelfth overall. Saby, who finished third, stretched his advantage to 1hr 30min.

Briars is back

Squash: Gawain Briars, 34, twice winner of the British closed championship in the 1980s, has entered the English national championships in Cheadle next week. The event is being boycotted by many of the country's leading male professionals.

LEADING SEEDINGS: Men: 1, P Whitlock (Cheshire); 2, M Bodimeade (Berks); 3, P Lord (Cheshire). Women: 1, C Jackman (Norfolk); 2, L Opie (Notts); 3, S Horner (Yorks).

Perfect for Prean

Table tennis: Carl Prean beat Chen Xinhua 21-17, 21-16 to win the Butlins Trophy at Bletchley Leisure Centre yesterday.

Tough for St Albans

Hockey: St Albans take on strong opposition in the Glenfiddich indoor tournament at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, today and tomorrow. In pool B, the English champions are opposed by Crefelder, from Germany, Buccaneers, from Holland, and the host club, Indispension Western.

Dynamic Drago

Snooker: Tony Drago, of Malta, set a record by beating Sean Lanigan 5-0 in just 34 minutes in the fifth round of the Strachan Challenge in Sheffield yesterday.

Classy quartet

Yachting: Mark Gatehouse, Tony Bullimore, Richard Tolkien and Neil Peterson, all entrants in the BOC single-handed round-the-world race next year, are to compete in the Teesside two-handed round Britain and Ireland event from July 4.

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IAN STEWART

Airborne: athletic Nicholls scoring her first goal in her first indoor international for England, against France at Crystal Palace yesterday

Dominant England's seven-goal cup starter

BY ALIX RAMSAY

ENGLAND'S campaign for the European nations cup began with a flourish yesterday when they beat France 7-1 in the opening game of the tournament at Crystal Palace. But they could, and should, have scored more goals.

From the start, England showed how they could dominate the French when the mood took them. Sandie Lister made her way down the right flank, earned the first penalty corner and Sam Wright did the rest. But despite their impressive passing moves, England's control of the game was patchy.

Not that France managed to take advantage of the lapses. Their first penalty corner, stopped by Jo Thompson, merely spurred England into attack. Lynn Bollington rounding off the move with the second goal.

Two minutes later, Mandy Nicholls, who was a particularly sharp thorn in the French side, scored to celebrate her first indoor cap. Jo Green missed two chances before Bollingtonadded a penalty corner in the closing seconds of the half.

After the break Carolyn Reid replaced Thompson in goal. The change did little to suit the rest of the squad as they struggled to repeat their first-half performance. Reid found the adjustment difficult too, getting caught out by Laetitia Peyrelongue as France scored their consolation goal.

It was left to Jackie Crook to give England the edge, cracking in three shots from penalty corners to bring the tally to seven.

Maggie Souyave, the coach, said: "To have missed as many chances as we did and still get such a result is very pleasing. Obviously, we would have preferred not to have conceded a goal, but often changing keepers can disrupt the team's rhythm.

Scotland saved their best play until the second half against Austria. Ellen Murray's was the only goal in the first half, but they put the game beyond doubt after the break with goals from Elaine Cooper, a second from Murray, and one each from Gill Messenger and Pauline Robertson to make it 5-0.

Germany, seeking thir seventh title, thundered out their first warning to the opposition as they beat Denmark 15-0. Britta Becker, scored four goals, and Tanja Dickensheid three.

ENGLAND: J Thompson; C Reid, J Crook, S Lister, M Nicholls, L Bollington, J Green, S Wright, C Harvie, L Marsden, F Lee, S Chandler.

SCOTLAND: S Lawrie, T Robb, J Jack, W Fraser, P Robertson, D Renilson, E Cooper, G Messenger, E Murray, S MacDonald, A Menzies, M Coutts

Top skier staying off piste

FROM DAVID POWELL IN GARMISCH

TWO weeks have passed since Petra Kronberger announced her retirement from ski racing and the 23-year-old Olympic and overall World Cup champion shows no sign of changing her mind. Yesterday, Kronberger said: "In life you can never say never, but I can't imagine returning in a year or so."

Her announcement, which came one third of the way through the season, caught her rivals unawares. "I was very surprised," Vreni Schneider, the last World Cup women's overall champion before Kronberger won three in succession, said.

Kronberger is the woman who Franz Klammer said would be the best ever. Within three years of giving up her job as a bank clerk, her one world title, two Olympic gold medals and three overall World Cups had put her well on the way.

Yesterday, in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, Kronberger gave her first press conference at a World Cup race meeting since her decision was made public. "This is the last press conference of my career," she said, adding she had not been on skis since her announcement.

There is a downhill and a super giant slalom in Cortina over the next two days. Meeting up with her former team colleagues had been a strange feeling, Kronberger said. "People ask me why I didn't continue until the world championships [in Morioka, Japan, next month] but I didn't have the concentration any more," she added.

The men should have raced a downhill for £22,000 here yesterday but it was postponed; rain on Thursday washed away the snow and there was no fresh fall overnight. If the snow returns, it will be held on Monday.

The Garmisch downhill, slalom and combined, worth £50,000, which is scheduled for today and tomorrow, were depending on snow last night. At best, the downhill will be shortened. Organisers, who have spent £100,000 on preparation, wore worried looks yesterday.

Villa visit Anfield with chance to share League lead

Liverpool's discards look to provide winning hand

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

DISCARDED by Liverpool but indispensable to Aston Villa's championship challenge, Dean Saunders, Ray Houghton and Steve Staunton return to Anfield today.

Not so long ago, the only way was down for players shown the door at Liverpool, but times have changed. While the trio may have been regarded as rejects by Graeme Souness they are now a key part of the Aston Villa renaissance under Ron Atkinson.

As Souness restructures his team, Villa know that a win this afternoon would put them level with Norwich City, who play at Sheffield Wednesday tomorrow, on 41 points at the head of the Premier League. Should Manchester United beat Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford, they would also have 41 points.

When Liverpool lost 4-2 at Villa Park in September, the joke was that it was because Souness was without three of his best players — Saunders, Houghton and Staunton. Saunders, who had just left Liverpool for £2.5 million — a year after a £2.9 million move from Derby County — emphasised it by scoring twice.

Yet, after contributing eight goals in his first ten games for Villa, Saunders has claimed only one in the last eight, and that was a penalty.

Instead, Villa have relied on Dalian Atkinson, their leading scorer with 13 goals, to apply the finishing touch — Villa's best performances have tended to coincide with Atkinson's availability — but he is likely to be sidelined by injury today. Any advantage Liverpool could have expected to reap from from Atkinson's absence is negated by the news that Ian Rush, who Souness felt was too similar to Saunders for the pair to complement each other, is similarly indisposed.

Rush's place in the Liverpool attack goes to Ronnie Rosenthal, while, if Steve Nicol fails a fitness test, Saunders may be marked by the transfer-listed Mark Wright, a former team-mate at both Anfield and Derby.

On arriving at Villa Park in September, Saunders was reunited with Houghton who, from a wide midfield role, has supplied him with passes to run on to at not only Liverpool and Villa but also Oxford United.

Souness's reason for relinquishing Houghton was that £925,000 was too good an offer to turn down for a player of 30 — he celebrated his 31st birthday yesterday. The Liverpool supporters disagreed and voted Houghton their player of the season for 1991-2. He will be presented with the award on the Anfield pitch this afternoon.

Houghton: award

Stressing that there is life after Liverpool, Houghton said: "People have said that those who leave Anfield can only go one way. But I never saw it like that. A few clubs wanted me but I reckoned Villa had the best chance of winning things. I won a few medals at Liverpool and don't want to stop winning."

Staunton was cast off with youth on his side. He was sold for £1.1 million in the summer of 1991 at the age of 22. Souness cited a lack of pace as detracting from his game, but Staunton has since established himself at left back for Villa.

If Villa suffered a case of culture shock during last Saturday's 1-1 FA Cup draw at home to Bristol Rovers, Liverpool had an even greater Cup fright at Bolton Wanderers. Bruce Rioch's second division team were 2-0 up at half-time — but it could have been more — before Souness threw the half-time tea cups across the dressing-room. Liverpool responded by scoring twice to earn a fortunate replay.

Souness said: "My players were strongly criticised last week and I understand the Aston Villa manager had strong words for his players too. So we should see two teams with something to prove.

"Like ourselves, Villa have been blowing hot and cold of late and will want to get back on the rails." Three of their players will be particularly keen to derail Liverpool.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Gittins dismissed after surprise defeat by Swinton

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ROCHDALE Hornets, of the second division, are searching for a sixteenth coach in 19 years after the unexpected dismissal of Stanley Gittins yesterday. The former Swinton player's 18-month tenure at Spotland was ended by the midweek defeat against his old club.

Despite Rochdale's third place and reasonably healthy challenge, along with Featherstone Rovers and Oldham, for the two promotion places, the 14-12 loss at bottom-placed Swinton on Wednesday proved Gittins's undoing. Michael Kuiti, 29, the former New Zealand forward, will take temporary charge.

Nine of the 27 staff at the Rugby Football League (RFL) headquarters in Leeds have been made reundant in an effort to reduce costs. Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, said: "The staff reorganisation endorses the league's belief that financial prudency has to be exercised during these harsh economic times."

Wakefield Trinity have the necessary £200,000 to take over Jonathan Davies's contract at Widnes. Local businessmen have underwritten the deal on the basis that they will be recompensed by additional income from Davies's arrival at the club.

However, a transfer before the Challenge Cup registration deadline on Monday is becoming less likely. Rodney Walker, the Wakefield chairman, said there would be no interest in the former Wales Rugby Union player after that date. Directors of the club were last night discussing whether to make a bid this weekend.

Bradford depend on Fox

BRADFORD Northern's recovery from a 71-10 hiding by Wigan, in the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup last April, has been the most heartening development this season (Christopher Irvine writes).

In reaching another semi-final today, this time in the Regal Trophy against Castleford at Valley Parade, Bradford are indebted to Deryck Fox, who set a club record when he signed for £140,000 last summer.

Without the Great Britain scrum half, the side is a pale shadow; with him, they can appear quite irresistible.

Much will depend on Fox outwitting Mike Ford, his opposite number, and the battle between two formidable packs.

MATCH BY MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIER DIVISION

Today

Arsenal v Sheff Utd

Ian Wright apart, Arsenal are struggling to score goals and will want to make the most of Wright's final game before a three-match suspension. O'Leary competes with Linighan for the central defensive place vacated by the suspended Bould and Jensen could return to the midfield. Bradshaw is doubtful for United; Ward stands by. Dave Bassett, the visiting manager, welcomes back Deane after concussion. The Arsenal manager, George Graham, who was fined £500 by the FA on Thursday, yesterday promised not to be rude to referees in future.

Blackburn v Wimbledon

A knee injury dictates that Shearer, the Premier League's leading scorer, will almost certainly be absent from Blackburn's attack; Wegerle deputises. Andersson, a central defender, might start his first game after joining Rovers from Malmö, of Sweden. Wimbledon, second from bottom, have failed to score in their last three games. Holdsworth, providing he passes a fitness test, and Fashanu, hope to rectify that, but Scales, their defender, is struggling with an injury.

Chelsea v Man City

How will Chelsea react after a midweek Coca-Cola Cup defeat at Crystal Palace? Their defence is likely to be given a through workout by Quinn and White in the City attack. For Chelsea, Wise is absent injured and in the front line, Fleck will want to improve on a return of two goals in 22 games since a £2.2 million move from Norwich.

Coventry v Nottm Forest

Brian Clough begins his nineteenth year in charge of Nottingham Forest adrift at the bottom of the Premier League but retains the side that beat Southampton in the FA Cup last week. Rowland, on loan from Bournemouth, is likely to go straight into the Coventry team at left back. A great admirer of Clough, Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, yesterday said that he regularly telephones him for advice.

Crystal Palace v Everton

Palace are benefiting from the return to form of Thomas in the midfield but their attempt at a sixth successive League win could be hampered by the injury-induced absence of Osborn, Shaw, Southgate and Williams today. Armstrong returns to lead the attack after being cup-tied for the midweek Coca-Cola cup win over Chelsea. Watts or Ndah will step down with Bowry retaining his place. Cottee is fit again but has failed to claim a place in an unchanged Everton side.

Ipswich v Oldham

Ipswich, hoping to extend an unbeaten run to 14 games have been criticised for being cautious while Oldham, with the Premier League's worst defensive record, are frequently condemned for a cavalier approach. Wark is fit to return to Ipswich's defence, where he partners Linighan. Guentchev, the subject of an FA inquiry about his work permit, continues in the home attack. Oldham add Tolson and Redmond to their squad.

Leeds v Southampton

Champions they may be but Leeds have won only two of their last 15 matches. Batty is suspended and his midfield place will go to Sellars or Rocastle. Whyte and Wetherall compete for a position in central defence while in attack, Rod Wallace hopes for a recall against his old club. With Dowie suspended from Southampton's forward line, Dixon has a chance to seek his 200th League goal.

Liverpool v A Villa

Saunders, Houghton and Staunton return to their old club. Villa's leading scorer, Atkinson, faces a late fitness test. Liverpool, shaken by Bolton in an FA Cup draw last week, will hope he fails it. They are without the injured Rush, who is replaced by Rosenthal, and could have to make do without Nicol in defence. Wright stands by. Redknapp returns after suspension but McManaman faces a fitness check.

Man Utd v Tottenham

Anyone who saw United demolish Coventry 5-0 at Old Trafford over Christmas will be convinced they are champions elect and a win today might put them top of the table, albeit on goal difference. Unbeaten in eight games, United, for whom Giggs and Ince return after missing the midweek FA cup win against Bury, should extend that run against a Tottenham side in which Barmby keeps his place up front at Durie's expense.

Middlesbrough v QPR

If Les Ferdinand is worth £5 million, what price Paul Wilkinson? Middlesbrough's leading scorer is arguably a better striker than Ferdinand, subject of a recent £3.3 million bid from Newcastle United (QPR want £5 million). Ferdinand has failed to score away this season and since Penrice, his forward partner, has not scored away for nine games, Middlesbrough should be optimistic. QPR believe that their new five-man midfield will perk up their season but hope Holloway, part of that quintet, recovers from flu.

Tomorrow

Sheff Wed v Norwich

Having tasted life at the top of the Premier League, can Norwich sustain it? Erratic Wednesday welcome Shirtliff back into their squad after three weeks out injured. Bowen has been passed fit to play for Norwich, but Sutton and Fox face late checks.

☐ Compiled by Louise Taylor

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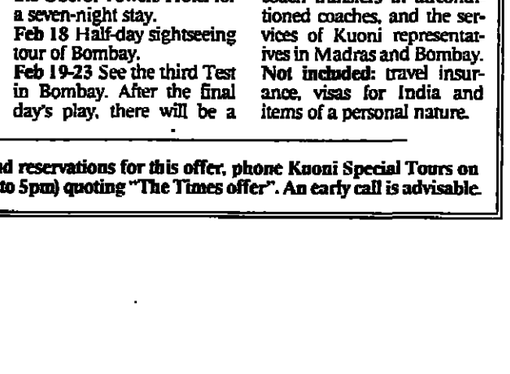

The Madras ground, venue for the second Test

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BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Limoges (Fr) 75, Maccabi Tel Aviv 63; Virtus Bologna 95, Joventut Badalona (Sp) 85. Group B: Olympiakos (Gr) 79, Mechelen (Bel) 60, Benetton Treviso (It) 84, Orthez (Fr) 65.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Phoenix Suns 111, Dallas Mavericks 107; Portland Trail Blazers 113, Houston Rockets 91; Atlanta Hawks 100, Milwaukee Bucks 94; San Antonio Spurs 109, Utah Jazz 99; Golden State Warriors 119, Miami Heat 105.

BOWLS

GALA CLUBS SCOTTISH PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: A Marshall (Bainfield) bt A Kelly (Newton Stuart), 7-1, 7-2; R Sutherland (West Lothian) bt S Reid (Prestwick), 7-3, 7-2. Final: Marshall bt Sutherland, 3-7, 7-3, 7-5
YETTON TROPHY (Women's inter-club championship): Third round: Gateshead 72, Stanley 76; Darlington 96, Sunderland 70; Swinton 93, Blackpool Newton Hall 72; York B 62, York A 98, Lincoln A 107, Horncastle 57; Leicester B 69, Leicester A 79; Cambridge Chesterton 85, March 67; Desborough (Northants) 86, St Neots 66; County Arts 73, Norfolk and Norwich 83; Beccles 100, Diss 65, Essex County 75, Tilbury 89; Colchester B 80, Clacton B 81; Ilford 85, Tye Green 73; Pickatts Lock 87, Bourdic Green 67; Riverain 97, Herts 74; Cherwell 94, Luton 66; Erdington Court 62, Rugby 83, Bonnham 69, Westacott 74; Cambridge Park 79, Richmond 80 (after extra end); Wey Valley 87, West Berks 73; Sutton A 88, Old Coulsdon 89, Crystal Palace B 45, Croydon A 110, Mole Park A 82, Folkestone A 81 (after extra end); Dartford Stone Lodge 81, Prince Arthur 59; Walden 97, King Alfred 41; Falaise 89, Grattons 86; Solent 91, Isle of Wight 64; Dolphin B 87, Dolphin A 82; Bristol 91, Northaven 76; British Cellophane 91, Woodspring 54; Kingsley 86, Exonia 64; Plymouth Civil Service 94, Cammoggas 78.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Adelaide: South Australia 312-7 (D Webber 119 not out, J Siddons 75) v Queensland. Perth: Western Australia 265-2 (G Marsh 122 not out, M Lavender 103) v Victoria.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN, Surrey: Embassy world professional championship: Quarter-finals: R George (Eng) bt M Gregory (Eng), 4-2; J Lowe (Eng) bt K Spiolek (Eng), 4-3.

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Stoke City 1, Blackburn Rovers 1. Second division: York City 3, Wigan Athletic 1
SCHOOLS MATCH: Northants Under-16 Cup: Final: Benetre 2, Montseye 5.

GOLF

CAPE TOWN: Bells Cup: Leading first-round scores (SA unless stated): 67: Johnstone (Zim). 68: D James, W Schutte. 69: E Els, J Diamini (Swaz), J le Grange, C Williams (GB), S Smith (US), A Rosenzvit.

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: European women's indoor hockey cup: Pool A: England 7, France 1; Germany 15, Denmark 0. Pool B: Scotland 5, Austria 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Quebec Nordiques 3, Boston Bruins 2 (OT); Philadelphia Flyers 8, Washington Capitals 2; Minnesota North Stars 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Chicago Blackhawks 3; Edmonton Oilers 3 (OT); St Louis Blues 3, Calgary Flames 2 (OT).

MOTOR RALLYING

TAMANRASSET, Algeria: Paris-Dakar rally: Fourth stage (550km, from Bordj Omer Driss). Cars: 1, B Saby (Fr), Mitsubishi, 8hr 40min 7sec, 2, P Lartigue (Fr), Citroen, 1.30.52 behind; 3, T Salonen (Fin), Citroen, 1.42.03, 4, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi, 3.46.25; 5, H Auriol (Fr), Citroen, 4.21.02; 6, S Servia (Sp), Lada, 4.36.05; 7, E Weber (Ger), Mitsubishi, 5.42.30; 8, F Perini (It), Perini Truck, 6.00.34; 9, A Ambrosino (Fr), Citroen, 6.54.30; 10, J Houssat (Fr), Perini Truck, 7.11.12. Motorcycles: 1, S Peterhancel (Fr), Yamaha, 15.31.11; 2, T Cherbonnier (Fr), Yamaha, 1.04.15 behind; 3, K Kolberg (Br), Yamaha, 2.49.51; 4, A de Avzevedo (Br), Yamaha, 3.20.29; 5, A Fernandez (Sp), Suzuki, 3.45.30.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: BNB Resources British professional doubles championship: First round: N Wood and A Oliver bt D Johnson and N Cripps, 6-5, 6-5, 6-0.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British Open championships: Under-24 doubles (Sutton Trophy) First round: K Walker and P Le Marchand bt J Grant and J Beaumont, 15-8, 15-12, 13-18, 18-16, 13-18, 2-15, 17-15, T Sawray Cookson and J Larken bt J Acheson-Gray and R Lawson, 15-9, 16-18, 15-4, 15-5, 9-15, 15-11.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE CUP: First round: Leigh 8, Halifax 4.

SKIING

GARMISCH, Germany: World Cup: Men's downhill: Postponed (rain).
LES MENUIRES, France: British university championships: Fourth day: Slalom: Men: 1, M Folkman (Edinburgh Univ), 1m1s 28.41sec; 2, M McQuoid (De Montfort), 1.31.21, 3, J Davies (London), 1.32.48. Women: 1, S Grey (Edinburgh Univ), 1.05.37, 2, S Bell (Edinburgh Univ), 1.05.38.

TABLE TENNIS

GRANTHAM: International match: England bt France, 4-1 (England names first) M Syed bt J Gatien, 21-19, 21-18; Chan Xinhua bt C Legout, 21-14, 21-12; C Prean bt N Chetelain, 21-14, 21-8; L Lomas lost to Weng Xiaoming, 18-21, 19-21; Prean bt J Gatien, 21-7, 21-14

TENNIS

ADELAIDE: Men's hardcourt championships: Quarter-finals: C Bergstrom (Swe) bt C Pioline (Fr), 7-5, 7-6; M Kutti (Swe) bt A Volkov (Rus), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3, R Fromberg (Aus) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; J Stark (US) bt A O'Brien (US), 6-2, 6-1.
BRISBANE: Women's hardcourt championships: Quarter-finals: Shi-Ting Wang (Tai) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-4, 6-3, M Jaggard-Lai (Aus) bt N Van Lottum (Fr), 6-1, 3-5, 7-6; C Martinez (Sp) bt A Gavaldon (Mex), 6-3, 6-3; M Maleeva (Bul) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 6-3, 6-2.
KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: R Reneberg (US) bt R Agenor (Hait), 7-6, 6-3; C Pridham (Can) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-2, 1-6, 7-6, P Haarhuis (Holl) bt D Prinosil (Cz), 6-2, 6-3; O Delattre (Fr) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 6-0, 5-7, 6-4.
QATAR: Men's tournament: Second round: G Pozzi (It) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 7-5, 5-7, 7-5; B Becker (Ger) bt S Simian (Fr), 7-6, 6-2; J Sánchez (Sp) bt A Merenov (Russ), 4-6, 7-5, 6-0. Quarter-finals: Becker bt Sánchez, 6-4, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt P Kuehnen (Ger), 6-2, 7-6; S Edberg (Swe) bt Pozzi, 6-0, 6-0; A Cherkasov (Rus) bt M Gomz (Sp), 6-1, 7-5.
WELLINGTON, New Zealand: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: B Steven (NZ) bt K Thorne (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; B Black (Zim) bt P Morsing (Ger), 6-3, 6-7, 6-1; T Ho (US) bt P Rafter (Aus), 6-2, 5-7, 6-3, J Anas (US), bt R Weiss (US), 6-3, 6-1.
JUNIOR RANKINGS (18 and under): Boys: Doubles: 1, E Abarca (Mex); 2, F Kasak (Cz); 3, S Bardas (Aus), 4, M MacLaglan (GB), 5, S Draper (Aus); 6, A Radulescu (Rom); 7, M Navarra (It); 8, M Bertolini (It), 9, A Richardson (GB).

YACHTING

BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE (Rio de Janeiro to Hobart): Finishers: 1, Nuclear Electric (J Chittenden), 46day 23hr 26min, 2, Commercial Union (R Membweather), 48:08:20, 3, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss), 50:08:29; 4, Coopers & Lybrand (V Cherry), 50:18:43; 5, Group 4 Securitas (M Golding), 51.04:47, 6, Pride of Teeeside (I MacGillivray), 51.07:58; 7, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 51.13:59; 8, Interspray (P Jeffes), 52.01:11. Other position (at 15.00GMT, with miles to Hobart): 9, Phone-Poulenc (P Phillips), 197m. Retired: British Steel II (R Tudor), dismasted and now heading for Hobart.
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England fast bowler injures two batsmen in fast and furious over

Fletcher stokes fires within Lewis

FROM PETER BALL IN LUCKNOW

KEITH Fletcher showed at Essex his ability to ignite smouldering fires in players. On his first tour as England manager, Fletcher is now bringing that gift to the England pace attack.

Paul Jarvis has already staked his claim for a second, more fruitful career as an England fast bowler. Now Fletcher is hoping that his skills as a motivator will work on Chris Lewis.

It got off to a promising start yesterday, as the tall, lithe opening bowler put three of the President's XI's leading batsmen back in the pavilion in a hostile spell on a slow wicket. But two of them were nursing bruises rather than broken wickets will do little to tarnish England's pleasure.

"He bowled as quickly as anyone would have done today on that wicket," Fletcher said. Lewis took a wicket with his first ball, Stewart taking a good catch low in front of first slip, but he was then put to the sword by Vinod Kambli, and it was his response to some savage treatment that made the England camp's eyes gleam excitedly through a murky day.

Lewis replied by increasing his speed to send back both Kambli and Ajay Sharma, with bruised arm and finger respectively, in a torrid over. "He has got the ability to bowl quickly, and we've got to get him doing it more often," Fletcher said pointedly. And there's the rub, as the manager is all too aware.

"That's part of my job," he added. "I've talked to him quite a bit — but I expect Micky [Stewart] talked to him too."

With neither DeFreitas nor Taylor anywhere near as threatening, Lewis's success was the high point of an otherwise frustrating day for England, with a delayed start followed by a long break and an early ending, both for bad light. Indian umpires obviously set different standards — if that light was unplayable, teams would never get on the field at Old Trafford, and the sight of the Indian team having an impromptu net in the middle half an hour after close of play told its own story.

But if the light was dull, as the mist over the River Gomti hung around, the day was lit up by an exhilarating display from Kambli. Since his record-breaking unbroken partnership of 664 with Sachin Tendulkar in Bombay schools cricket, Kambli has been in the shadow of his friend.

While Tendulkar transferred his talents on to the international stage with ease, Kambli has made slower progress. Last summer when Tendulkar went to Yorkshire, Kambli went to keep him company, spending the summer with Spen Victoria in the Bradford League.

He played in the World Cup without success and was left out of the tour of South Africa. That omission may have done him a favour, for Donald might have exploited a suspect response to the short ball even more tellingly than Lewis.

One shot, placing a wide half-volley past cover with casual despatch, had Gower written all over it, but the whole innings was a cameo in the Gower vein, full of delightful wristy strokes but with always a hint of fallibility. Had it ended when he edged Lewis, bat away from body just wide of Hick at slip, the identification would have been complete.

But nobody has ever doubted Gower's ability against the short stuff. Kambli looked distinctly uncomfortable and as Lewis stepped up his pace he succumbed, ducking into an intended bouncer which did not get up. He was struck on the forearm and went down as dramatically as a German forward looking for a penalty. After extended treatment he was led away.

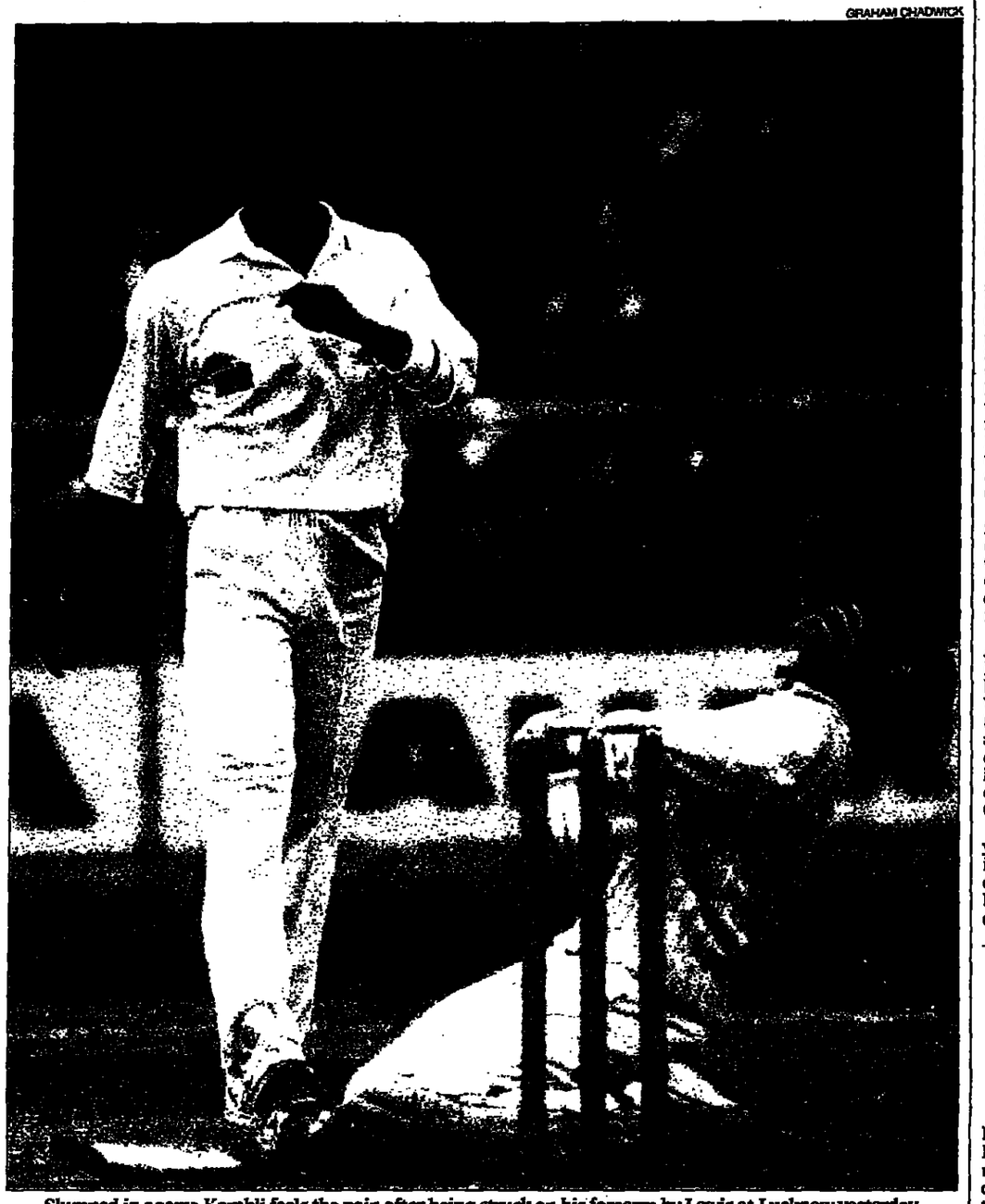
He had been in for 65 minutes for 61 off 84 balls, hitting ten fours and lifting Emburey over mid-on for six. When he left, a light went out of the game. An x-ray revealed no break, but he is unlikely to take any further part in this match.

More drama was to follow. Sharma, another Test hopeful, who had impressed in the second innings at Faridabad, came in and was hit on the finger first ball. After treatment he departed. Rahul Dravid was made of sterner stuff and Lewis finished an over which had lasted 16 minutes.

Although Emburey held up well under an onslaught from Sidhu and had the last word, that was to be the England bowlers' last success until Gooch turned to his final card, himself. It proved a trump, Stewart taking a smart leg-side stumping. If he goes on like this we may have to start regarding him as a wicketkeeper who bats a bit rather than the other way around.

☐ BBC Radio 5 announced yesterday it would carry ball-by-ball commentaries on all England's Test matches and one-day internationals in India and Sri Lanka this winter.

GRAHAM CHADWICK



Slumped in agony: Kambli feels the pain after being struck on his forearm by Lewis at Lucknow yesterday

SCOREBOARD

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First Innings
S S Bhave c Stewart b Lewis 1
N S Sidhu c Gatting b Emburey 36
V G Kambli retired hurt 61
A Sharma not out 0
R Dravid st Stewart b Gooch 27
†N R Mongia not out 45
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 1, nb 2) 8
Total (3 wkts) 178
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-105, 3-177.
S A Ankola, P S Viedya, *Manninder Singh, R Chauhan, and N D Hirwani to bat
BOWLING: DeFreitas 13-3-37-0 (w 1); Lewis 11-2-35-1 (nb 1); Emburey 13-3-44-1, Taylor 6-0-27-0 (nb 1); Tufnell 11-1-29-0, Gooch 2-1-1-1.
ENGLAND XI: *G A Gooch, M W Gatting, †A J Stewart, R A Smith, N H Fairbrother, G A Hick, C C Lewis, P A J DeFreitas, J E Emburey, J P Taylor, P C R Tufnell

ICC again postpones decision

BY IVO TENNANT

THE International Cricket Council (ICC) has deferred until February 2 a decision on whether Graham Gooch's century for an unofficial England XI in South Africa, scored 11 years ago, should be deemed first-class. This means that, if he makes another century before then, he will not know whether it is the 99th or hundredth of his career.

TheEngland captain has a possible six first-class innings in India before ICC representatives gather at Lord's for their special meeting.

He is playing in the match against the Board President XI in Lucknow, which will be followed by a fixture against an under-25 side at Cuttack. The first Test starts at Calcutta on January 29.

The ICC, whose chairman, Sir Colin Cowdrey, has himself made a century of centuries, has sent fax messages to all member countries asking them for their views as soon as possible on a topic which has become as embarrassing to ICC as it has awkward for Gooch and the game's army of statisticians.

"The trouble is that the record of replies from certain countries is not very good," Lt-Col John Stephenson, secretary of ICC said at Lord's yesterday. "We have been waiting six weeks for other answers."

ICC has been stymied by its chairman being unable to make an immediate ruling without agreement from the full member countries. "It is one of those unfortunate things," Cowdrey said. "I am very sorry for Graham and even more sorry for all his supporters around the world."

Stephenson said: "It is very hard on him and I know the statisticians are having a terrible time, but my point is that this matter has not been raised before.

"There is nothing in the ICC minutes to say whether the matches played by Gooch's side in South Africa in 1982 should be deemed first-class or not. South Africa were not members of ICC at the time, although it is accepted that their domestic cricket was first-class.

"This, though, was a rebel tour and the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), when we met them on Thursday, were not happy either that the matches be considered first-class," he said.

Given that Gooch is still batting as well as at any time during his 20-year career, the chances are that he will make a century in the next three-and-a-half weeks.

"In that event I would suggest there are muted celebrations and that he keeps the champagne on ice." Stephenson said.

This drew a forthright response from Matthew Engel, the new editor of *Wisden*. "In many ways this is the worst of all possible worlds," he said. "Graham quite likely will not know whether he has got a 100 hundreds or not. Cricket will go on looking stupid and, from *Wisden's* point of view, coming just as we are going to press, the situation is awful.

"Heaven knows I was opposed to the rebel tours a good deal more firmly than some people at Lord's. But the first-class status of a match does not invite a moral judgment on the participants and you certainly cannot make that judgment 11 years after the event. The case for leaving things alone is quite overwhelming."

In India, Gooch said he was surprised that it had taken 11 years for his century — 109 made against an attack including Vince van der Bijl, Garth Le Roux and Mike Procter — to become a controversial innings.

"But what they decide is of no consequence to me. It is out of my hands and I have not given it a thought, really," he said.

Early hearing of drug plea by Livingston

BY JOHN GOODBODY

JASON Livingston, the European 60 metres indoor champion sent home from the Olympic Games last year for taking a banned drug, has lodged an appeal against the four-year ban imposed on him by the British Athletic Federation (BAF).

Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said the appeal hearing before the independent panel looking into the positive test carried out by the Sports Council on July 15 would take place "very quickly". Livingston's suspension was confirmed last month by the disciplinary committee of BAF. He was accused of taking methandianone, an anabolic steroid, in out-of-competition testing.

Livingston, 21, the second-fastest British sprinter in history after Linford Christie, the Olympic 100 metres champion, was one of three British competitors sent home from the Games in Barcelona.

The other two, weightlifters Andrew Saxton and Andrew Davies, have been exonerated by the British Amateur Weight Lifters' Association (BAWLA), because it did not accept that clenbuterol, the drug that they admitted taking, was banned for out-of-competition testing before the Games began.

Livingston's solicitors said yesterday that "the analytical information previously requested from the BAF has not been supplied". They reiterated their demand that the details should be available from the drugs control centre at King's College, London University, where the analysis was carried out at the laboratory accredited by the International Olympic Committee.

The solicitors said that they learnt only at the original hearing that "certain analytical information was suppressed on the basis that it was deemed by the director of the drugs control centre to be irrelevant."

The sprinter, nicknamed "Baby Ben" because of his physical resemblance to Ben Johnson, the disgraced Canadian sprinter, has repeatedly protested his innocence: "I have a clear conscience. I will go to my grave knowing they have made a mistake."

Livingston faces not only the statutory ban from athletics until July 15, 1996, but also a permanent exclusion from the Olympic Games. The British Olympic Association has a policy of never allowing a a serious drug offender to participate in the Games.

Livingston, who has moved from South London to Cardiff, partly to avoid the controversy, has also been told that he is not welcome in rugby league or professional football.

However, an independent panel could overturn his ban from sport and theoretically make him eligible to compete in athletics in the forthcoming indoor season.

McKiernan's route, page 30

Graham decides to leave the ring

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HEROL Graham, the former British, European and Commonwealth middleweight champion, announced his retirement yesterday, less than three weeks before a planned comeback fight.

After nearly 15 years in boxing, in which he had 49 professional bouts, Graham has decided that it is time to go, although he intends to stay in the sport as a trainer.

The Sheffield southpaw, who twice went close to winning the world title, lost his British championship to Frank Grant at Elland Road in September. He was due to fight Carlos Christie in Manchester on January 25, but feels that he has not the "ambition left to carry on."

Graham said: "It was a difficult decision, but one which I had to take for my own benefit. People say I've still got it, but in my heart I haven't got the ambition. You have to have that ambition.

"I've had a hard trek but I've made a lot of my fights look easy because of all the hard training I've done.

"It was a case of so near yet so far, as far as winning that world title was concerned. All boxers want to be a world champion, but for me it wasn't to be. So I remember the next best things.

"My highlight will probably be winning the British light-middleweight title from Pat Thomas in 1981 — when I didn't lose a round — and being British, Commonwealth and European champion."

One of the finest British exponents of defensive boxing and counter-punching, Graham took the formidable WBA champion, Mike McCallum, to a split decision in May 1989. Had he not been deducted a point for wrestling the champion to the ground, he would probably have captured that title.

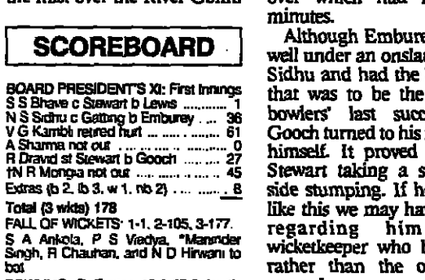
Three fights later, in Spain in November 1990, he was within sight of beating Julian Jackson, until running into a mighty right-hand punch that ruined his dream.

Graham came back with a British title victory over John Ashton 13 months later, then lost to Sambu Kalambay, of Italy, for the second time in European title combat in March this year.

The stoppage by Grant seemed to signal the end, but Graham declared his intention to carry on in the 12-stone, super-middleweight division, in which his rivals, Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn, have found fame and fortune.

Graham's ambition was to fight one of these two, but Eubank openly admitted that he would never take on such an elusive boxer.

European Cup winners 1993.



Car of the Year 1993.

The new 16-valve Micra. NISSAN

An aria worth rallying for

THE trouble with tennis is that there is too much recitative and not enough arias. This fact comes courtesy — inevitably — of the Great Swedish Stars Machine, which has been turning its stopwatches and speed-guns on to the Stockholm Open, and doing the same thing with grand opera.

What concerned statisticians is the number of games that contain less than 60 seconds of action — time when the ball is in play. In a match between Goran Ivanisevic and Stefan Edberg, only four games of 23 had more than a minute of action; in one between Ivanisevic and Boris Becker, 19 of 22 had less than a minute.

The Central Statistical Office of Sweden puts it thus: "The problem of today's tennis entertainment is tied to the excitement factor associated in winning serves and returns. Consider, for example, the best scene performances in operas and the extended songs [arias]. They are longer in duration [3-4 minutes] and more frequent [3-4 times] than the corresponding excitement in today's tennis rallies." Tennis appears to agree with Sam Goldwyn: arias went out with Shakespeare.

Seeing red

Disappointment affects different people in different ways. Take Hristo Stoichkov, the Bulgarian striker for Barcelona. He was frightfully distressed when he came second to Marco van Basten for European footballer of the year. He was so moved that in a match against Rayo Vallecano he got himself sent off after six minutes for two extraordinary outbursts at opposition players. It transpired that Señor Camacho, manager of Rayo Vallecano, had ordered his team to address Stoichkov as "van Basten" whenever speaking to him.

SIMON BARNES
Sporting Diary

At last there is something better to do during a plane delay than getting drunk. You can get drunk and lose all your money on the horses as well. A "betting parlor" has opened at Greater Buffalo International Airport in the United States. You can watch the races on television, have a drink, bet, even eat if you are into non-essentials. "They try to suck your last dollar before you go on vacation," one punter said. "I think it's a great idea."

All is not gold

Mind you, the golden ball award for European footballer of the year does not necessarily bring a life of perfect happiness. Tanju Colak won it in 1988 after scoring 39 goals for Galatasaray in Turkey. He has just been fined £500,000 for acquiring a stolen Mercedes. The case now goes to the country's supereme court, where the fine will or will not be confirmed.

Over 40 but not over the hill

Who will be the first grown-up in the world to run a sub-four-minute mile? By grown-up, I mean a person of 40 years and more — officially, in athletics jargon, a "veteran". Eamonn Coghlan, of Dublin, will make his first attempt on this, the record of records, in Madison Square Garden on February 5.

Coghlan has suffered more frustration than most: he finished fourth *twice* in the Olympic Games 1,500 metres, in 1976 and 1980. His low-slung style has always suited indoor tracks — American journos like to call him "Chairman of the Boards".

Last year, it looked as if the chunky New Zealander, John Walker, the first athlete to run 100 sub-four-minute miles, would make the first sub-four-at-40: but injury got to him. The main threat to Coghlan comes from the ever-emaciated Brit, David Moorcrooft, who turns 40 in April. Coghlan, born November 1952, was 18-months-old when Roger Bannister ran the first sub-four-minute mile. Before that, the feat was regarded as beyond human capacity.

Short cuts

If you are banned from cricket for bad behaviour, there is a very good way of sneaking back into the game — via the MCC. A publication from that body, full of loving capital letters, reads: "It has come to the notice of the Committee that a very small number of *Playing* Members have been banned by their Club or League for bad behaviour. The Committee takes a strong view on this and reminds all Members that they are expected to maintain the very highest standards, regardless of the team for which they are playing."

We never have this sort of trouble with Tewin Irregulars, you know. Not even from MCC members. But I expect they raise their standards when they turn out for an intimidating bunch like us.

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A bone to pick with man's best friend

With Crufts opening next week, **Joe Joseph** sees no need to feed the hound that bites him

SYKES/NETWORK

Puppy love: dog haters may despise its exhibitionism, but in the calendar of a preened and pampered poodle seeking canine glory, Crufts is the equivalent of Ascot

'People who make dogs wear Burberry trenchcoats should be made to eat at least one meal a day squatting on the kitchen floor'

I ♥ MY

If you are the sort of person who reads the word "dog" in a slab of text and instantly feels warmly emotional or strangely spiritual, then chances are you are either a devoted dog-lover or a devoutly religious dyslexic who sees God everywhere.

Those of us who do not share these Pavlovian reactions find ourselves turning instead to Mark Twain's intriguing discovery that, "If you try (on a bicycle) to run over a dog, he knows how to avoid you; but if you try to miss him, he doesn't know how to calculate", an observation that is ambiguous enough to serve as a warning to those who go weak for poodles and as a tempting afternoon diversion for those of us who do not.

Because while Britain may be a nation of dog-lovers, it is a nation that also includes millions of people (at least one) who have little interest in how much that doggy in the window is, unless someone happens to be offering a substantial prize for guessing correctly. These are people who have given up hope of grasping the origins of the universe but who are still grimly fascinated by how, when a dog bites a blameless stranger, its owner always says the dog did not mean it. How do they know? And why do they imagine their dog's highly alternative concept of indifference might be any consolation to the man now en route to casualty?

There are many things that perplex non-dog-owners, such as why some adults, given the opportunity in the course of a day to talk to several people who would be able to return lively conversation, will stay silent until they run into a dog, at which point they jabber freely. The really perplexing thing is, why don't these people also chat to their lunch? Dog-owners value their pets for their intelligence, even though controlled scientific experiments show most dogs to be less bright than a tired glow-worm. For instance, when an alert, intelligent dog senses a stranger on the family threshold, it will bark fiercely in the hallway, but once the front door is opened the dog either slinks back to the television programme it was squinting at, or it races past the suspicious intruder (who has a huge meat cleaver and at least four large shotguns hidden under his overcoat) and bolts into the garden to bark accusingly at various half-remembered bone burial sites.

The phrase "a dog is a man's best friend" seems, frankly, to say rather more about the man than about his dog, unless the dog is unusually well connected in the best social circles or is in a position to secure its owner lucrative employment. Can it really be true that nothing beats a dog for company (bearing in mind that should you suddenly tire of a Highland terrier's small talk, you cannot just say, "Golly, look at the time! Must dash" and then leave discreetly. Because Highland terriers cannot read the time)?

And the fact that six out of ten dog-owners take their pets to bed with them probably reveals more about their marriages than about the chummy nature of Dobermans. It may never have occured to them, but dog-owners would really be much better off retiring to bed at night with a cosy pair of pyjamas instead, a worthier and far easier-to-please recipient of a grown man's friendship.

Pyjamas are, by and large, a less expensive indulgence than a dog, even silk ones. Pyjamas rarely voice the desire, subtly or otherwise, to go for a walk when it is bucketing outdoors, and they do not turn their nose up at a can of Greek-style stuffed vine leaves because you forgot to buy dog food at the corner store on your way home from the office (some dogs even get a little testy when the vine leaves do not live up to the picture on the can, dogs having no comprehension of the concept "serving suggestion"). Pyjamas can be taken with you on holiday without the fuss of expensive boarding kennels or the need for quarantine, and they do not expect to be tossed the occasional lamb bone as a treat.

A pair of pyjamas never catches fleas or needs worming, and if they should happen to get lost, you do not need to spend three evenings pinning notices that read, "Reward for recovery of missing pyjamas: navy blue with cream piping", on every tree in the neighbourhood: you simply go to your nearest pyjama shop and buy another pair.

Pyjamas never feel ignored if you neglect to wear them for a few nights in a row, and rarely dive into a you-don't-care-about-me-anymore sulk. Although pyjamas sometimes come in "His and Hers" sets, it is not an urgent aspect of their lives: in fact, pyjamas are mostly asexual, with the result that they are rarely in the habit of rubbing themselves embarrassingly up the legs of your dinner guests. And if you should decide to buy another pair of pyjamas to add to the collection already in your wardrobe, your old pyjamas feel no automatic impulse to sniff the sleeves and hems of the newcomer as soon as it passes through the front door.

Indiscriminate sniffing is among the more unattractive aspects of canine life. Dogs show a preposterous interest in smelling and investigating things that should be of concern only to zoologists engaged on the less sociable underside of nature's mysteries. Dogs also catch unbecoming diseases, which they may well have picked up from lampposts, but how can you trust the word of an animal that spends half its waking life nasally analysing the spot on which it is about to urinate? Dog-lovers who swear that their dogs are almost human in their manner and deportment would do well always to have ready an explanation for such unseemly human mimicry.

REX

Brush-up: it's a show-dog's life

Considering that dog-breeders who covet Crufts rosettes have been nurturing specific traits in puppies for decades, it is surprising that they have had so little success in breeding the sort of dogs that would make each one of us a willing and proud pet-owner. Breeders have concentrated on accentuating characteristics that their pedigree dogs already possess: pointy ears have become pointier, flabby jowls have become flabbier, tall dogs have become taller and small ones have become so teeny that a miniature chihuahua measures less than 10in and weighs 18oz, a size which in a sirloin steak would be daunting, but in a pet just seems a fiddly nuisance.

Why can't these breeders nurture a pedigree specimen that sniffs roses, or even derisively, instead of sniffing other animals' private parts? And if these specialist breeders really can bring out admirable and fetching characteristics in dogs, why don't they breed dogs that can collect the dry-cleaning, pay off the pizza delivery man, and secure plane tickets at short notice?

There is a belief, of course, that the problem lies not with dogs but with their owners. The late Barbara Woodhouse, a famous doggy expert, used to boast that she could train a dog in five minutes, but training the owner took much longer. Animal rights campaigners target pet-owners who physically abuse their spaniels but not those who inflict mental cruelty. In a fairer world, people who make dogs wear doggie-size Burberry trenchcoats and red nail varnish should be made to eat at least one meal a day squatting on the kitchen floor.

And is there no law that allows the state to prosecute the owners of past Crufts champions that were wilfully named Lograk Lubilash, Tzigane Aggri, Ku Chik Ko and Harropine Chaka Khan? There are many bonuses to being a dog, except in Korea, where keeping a pet dog must seem as curious a habit as calling a courgette Rex and cuddling it on the sofa while watching telly: among the perks of a dog's life are being able to bite people you dislike and have your owner say you did not mean it, to foul the furniture, and to sniff drugs for free at Heathrow, but the right to change one's name by deed poll is not one of them.

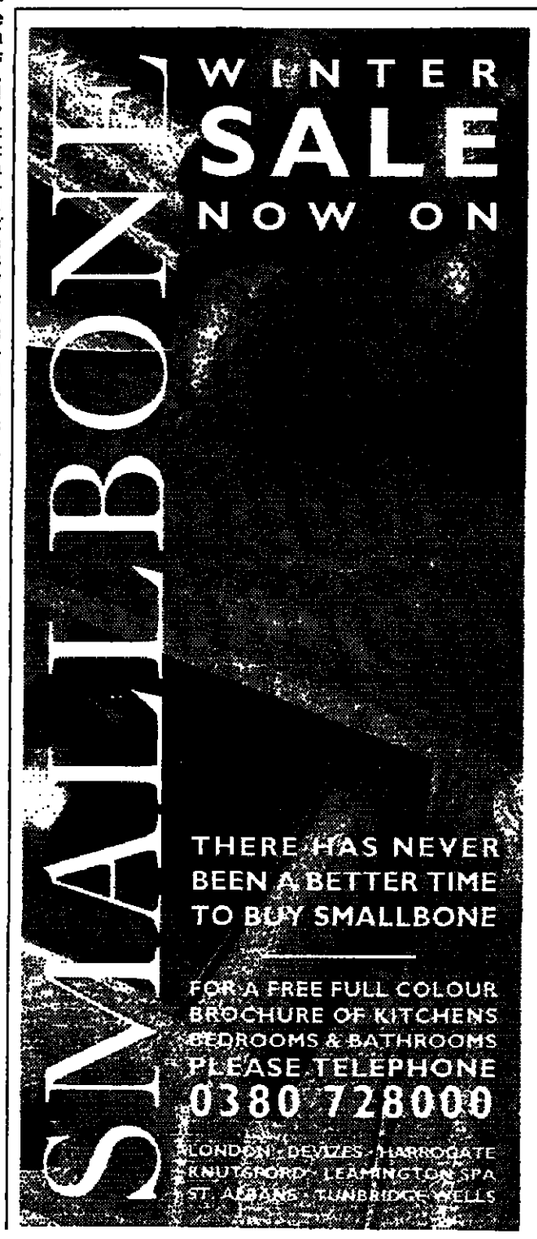
We all admit that our lives would not be the same without dogs. But millions of dog-owners are convinced that the world would be a drabber place without them. They are wrong: it would almost certainly be much more fun.

You only have to look at the many references to dogs in the English language to see how dispiriting their influence can be. By substituting something else for the word "dog" in each case, we can glimpse the possibilities of a cheerier, non-canine world beyond. Study these examples of dog replacement and judge for yourself:

Dog's breakfast — *room service breakfast*
Be dogged — *be lionised*
Dogstooth — *bee's knees*
Go to the dogs — *go to the Caribbean*
Dog collar — *Armani tie*
Dog-eared — *doe-eyed*
A hot dog at Wembley — *a hot tip at Ascot*
Lie doggo — *lie in till noon*
Dog-eat-dog — *man-eat-caviare*
Jack Russell — *Jack Nicholson*
Dogwood — *Suzy might*

If, for some reason, you feel foolish telling your pyjamas what a tough day you had at the office, and you are still set on having a dog in your life, consider a dog video. They can provide all the daily dog input you need, they come in a convenient choice of breeds and are surprisingly low on maintenance. Best of all, when you want to take your new pet for a run but are feeling a tad lazy, you simply depress the fast forward and he's off like a bullet.

● *Crufts Dog Show takes place at Birmingham NEC from January 14 to 17. For further information, phone the Kennel Club (071-493 6651).*



Thoughts of presents, past and future

What makes the perfect gift for the man who has everything?

WEEKEND *voice*

MARY KILLEN

This week I am attending the birthday party of a friend who has everything. What will I give him? I have already discussed it with his wife, but she has rejected my idea of 100 first-class stamps. "He already has stamps in the estate office."

"There are everlasting light bulbs that cost £8 each?"

"Alas," she laughed. "He got on to that straight away. We've already got those all through the house."

My other idea — a battery recharger at £15.99? "Oh, yes, you mentioned that just before Christmas. It was such a good idea I got him one as a stocking filler."

You could easily give up and reason that someone with mega-purchasing power would hardly notice whether or not you gave him anything, but one relief of the 1980s being over is that now, even people who have everything are grateful for whatever small things they might receive in the line of presents. Shopping during those Caligula-like 1980s days was difficult as everybody had already bought for themselves whatever they wanted on credit cards. People felt intimidated to hear of tycoons receiving photographs of their yachts embedded into the bottom of Hermès ash trays from their guests as "token presents" or how Pierre Bergé, financial adviser to Yves Saint Laurent, had the brilliant idea of commissioning Andy Warhol to paint a portrait of Saint Laurent's dog, Moujik, for his 1986 birthday present.

Those who could not match the super-spenders strove instead to produce witty presents. I always disapproved of this flagrant waste of money and bitterly resented my own cache of birthday presents one year, which included a bra with three cups and an enormous coffee table book — completely blank inside — entitled *Irish Erotic Art*. Given that the total outlay for these two alone was about £50 and that I desperately needed many other things at the time, I was openly displeased.

The day after my birthday I entered a friend's house with her. She turned on her answering machine and I heard my own voice being mimicked by a mutual friend. "Fifty pounds down the drain when it could have been spent on pants or tights."

The only silly present that I personally bought in the 1980s was for a friend who enjoys a particularly gnome-like physical appearance. At the time one could commission a garden gnome, bearing an exact facial and physical resemblance to the person it was destined for. Outlay? About £200. I solicited contributions from four or five of his fans (he is very popular) and the gnome — wearing a pair of tiny glasses exactly like his, was brought on during a dinner in Wheeler's restaurant to celebrate his 30th birthday. It was a complete triumph of a present — the sculptress had made it from photographs. Sadly I cannot track her down to commission more gnomes.

My husband has never given silly presents. He favours downright annoying ones. For a mean friend who has never bought a television licence, he gave a present of £15 in television licence stamps. The friend was therefore put in the agonising position of either letting the £15 go to waste (the stamps are not redeemable for cash) or of committing himself to paying the full licence fee in perpetuity by getting on to the record books.

For Christmas he gave his father a birthday present of a portable red warning triangle to alert other motorists in the event of a breakdown. "It's compulsory to carry one in Europe," he informed the puzzled recipient. "And at least it's of some use..." This last was a reference to the year before, when his father had solemnly presented each of his three adult children with a rubber decoy bird — a pigeon, crow and mallard, as used by sportsmen. He then chuckled to himself all day like someone in *Twin Peaks*.

Another friend once gave a present to his wife of two £5 notes pinned onto a card and overlapping like a pair of trousers. "Buy yourself a pair of trousers" was the caption on the card.

In order to annoy the parents of his only godchild, my husband purchased a "nightingale" from Boosey & Hawkes in London. This musical instrument, as used in Haydn's *Toy Symphony*, emits a melodious, though high-pitched, warbling noise when filled with water and blown into. In a child's hand it is an instrument of torture.

My own presents from him have often consisted of books he wants to read himself.

I am not that interested in annoying people. I have just realised that the perfect present for anyone with even a square foot of garden in today's climate has to be a sapling. And this is what I will be buying for the man who has everything.

THEATRE

LONDON

THE BALLAD OF THE LIMEHOUSE RAT: Prizewinning verse thriller, written and performed by Tim Newton: a rat-catcher pursues a giant rodent through Victorian London. **Watermans Arts Centre**, 40 High Street, Brentford (081-568 1176). Tues-Sat, 8pm.

BLACK LIGHT THEATRE OF PRAGUE: The company returns after an absence of 19 years with its surrealistic adaptation of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tues-Sat, 7pm, mats Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sat, 2pm, Sun, 4pm

CAROUSEL. Joanna Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revival of the fairground musical. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.15pm.

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: Ian Judge's sublimely funny production, with award-winning Desmond Barrit playing both portly twins. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Wed-next Sat, 7.15pm, mats Thurs, next Sat, 2pm.

Troubled waters: Penelope Wilton, The Deep Blue Sea

CYRANO DE BERGERAC: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production fails to convey the full poignancy of his fate. **Theatre Royal**, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

THE DEEP BLUE SEA: Karel Reisz directs Penelope Wilton and Linus Roache in Rattigan's 1952 drama of hopeless infatuation. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Preview tonight, Mon, 8pm; opens Tues, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

HAMLET: Kenneth Branagh superb in Adrian Noble's excellent production. Uncut version. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, Mon, Tues, 6.30pm, mat Sat, 12.30pm.

KING BABY: New play by James Robson set in an alcoholics' rehab unit. With Tom Georgeson. **The Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Previews from Wed, 7.15pm; opens Jan 19, 7pm; then in repertoire.

KING LEAR: Max Stafford-Clark directs a fine cast led by Tom Wilkinson, Saskia Reeves and Hugh Ross in Shakespeare's play. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm; opens Jan 21, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm (until Feb 6).

MARCHING FOR FAUSA: A play by Nigerian author Biyi Bandele set in a fictitious African dictatorship where a children's march goes gravely wrong. Annie Castledine directs. **Theatre Upstairs**, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Previews from tonight, 8pm; opens Wed, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat (from Jan 16), 3pm.

RICHARD III: Simon Russell Beale's bald, savagely funny monster in Sam Mendes' memorable RSC touring production. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Opens Thurs, 7.30pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

REGIONAL

EDINBURGH: The spring season starts amazingly early with Juliet Cadzow in the title role of *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*. **Royal Lyceum**, Grindlay Street (031-229 9697). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat (Jan 16 and 23), 3.15pm.

CAMBRIDGE: Gerard Murphy in Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production of Moliere's *The Hypochondriac*. **Arts**, Peas Lane (0223 352000). Opens Wed, 8pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

LEATHERHEAD: A lustful Dane troubles Richard Todd in Francis Durbridge's new thriller, *Sweet Revenge*. **Thorndike**, Church Street (0372 377677). Previews Tues, 7.30pm; opens Wed, 7.30pm; then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

LIVERPOOL: The three-week season of new work by local authors continues with *Growing Up* by the Everyman Youth Theatre (Mon, Tues) and Liam Lloyd's *The Dark Side*, a harrowing portrait of passion, addiction and one woman's fight to be free (Wed-Sat). **The Studio**, Playhouse, Williamson Square (051-709 8478). Mon-next Sat, 7.45pm.

MOLD: Helena Kaut-Howson transposes *All's Well That Ends Well*, Shakespeare's dark comedy about tricky men and a determined woman, into the 20th century. **Theatr Clwyd**, (0352 755114). Previews from Fri, 7.45pm; opens Jan 19, 7.45pm; then Tues-Sat, 7.45pm.

Cutting a fine figure: Gedeminas Taranda from the crowd-pulling Bolshoi Ballet company dancing in Le Corsaire

FILM

BLADE RUNNER (15): The improved "director's cut" of Ridley Scott's influential vision of a dark, hellish L.A. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279/379 7025) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772).

THE BODYGUARD (15): Kevin Costner as the bodyguard who falls for his showbiz charge (Whitney Houston). Jumbled drama. Director, Mick Jackson. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

CHAPLIN (12): A skilled impersonation by Robert Downey but Richard Attenborough's bitty biographical epic never penetrates far inside the man. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Odeon Leicester Square** (0426 915683).

DANZON: Mexican telephone operator searches for lost dancing partner. Seductive music, good atmosphere, and a directionless plot. Director, Maria Novaro. **ICA** (071-930 3647).

DEATH BECOMES HER (PG): Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn battle to attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comedy, ultimately swamped by special effects; director, Robert Zemeckis. **Empire** (071-497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

A FEW GOOD MEN (15): Cocky naval lawyer (Tom Cruise) defends marines accused of murder. Devilishly seductive courtroom drama starring Demi Moore, Jack Nicholson; director, Rob Reiner. **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574).

L.627 (15): The Paris police drugs squad's daily routine: stake-outs, violence, paperwork. Vividly filmed by Bertrand Tavernier, though too long for its material. Stars Didier Bezace, Nils Tavernier. **Lumière** (071-836 0691).

MAN TROUBLE (15): Ellen Barkin hires Jack Nicholson's guard dog but finds no security. Talent wasted in dreadful comedy from director Bob Rafelson. **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353).

OF MICE AND MEN (PG): John Malkovich as the slow-witted Lennie; director Gary Sinise as his protector. Simple and moving. **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805).

PETER'S FRIENDS (15): College pals meet up after a decade for a glib mixture of laughter and tears. Kenneth Branagh directs Emma Thompson, Stephen Fry, Rita Rudner and himself. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (071-497 9999).

RAISING CAIN (15): Split personality John Lithgow kidnaps kids, terrorises Lolita Davidovich, and bores the audience. Ludicrous hokum from Brian De Palma. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310).

RESERVOIR DOGS (18): A jewel robbery goes haywire. Quirky tale of betrayal, loyalty and violence from bright new talent Quentin Tarantino. Stars Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666).

STRICTLY BALLROOM (PG): One dancer's fight to defy the rules of the Australian Ballroom Dancing Federation. Ebullient debut by director Baz Luhrmann. With Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683).

Harvey Keitel: starring in the quirky Reservoir Dogs

TOUS LES MATINS DU MONDE (12): Wonderful, melancholy portrait of French Baroque musicians Sainte-Colombe (Jean-Pierre Marielle) and his pupil Marin Marais (Gérard and Guillaume Depardieu); director, Alain Corneau. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

A WINTER'S TALE (12): A Paris hairdresser's quest for true love. Eric Rohmer near his best: elegant, clear-eyed, realistic. A film laced with magic. Stars Charlotte Very. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

BOSNIAN BENEFIT: Willard White, cellist Steven Isserlis, saxophonist John Harle, pianist Joanna MacGregor and the Brodsky Quartet get together for an impromptu evening of classical music in aid of War Child. **Hackney Empire**, London, E8 (081-985 2424), tomorrow, 8pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Pierre Boulez conducts the orchestra for the first time, choosing a programme that documents key moments in the musical life of the 20th century: Schoenberg's Five Pieces for Orchestra; Webern's Variations of Orchestra Op 30 and Cantatas Nos 1 and 2; and Stravinsky's *Petrushka*, 1911. **Symphony Hall**, Birmingham (021-212 3333), Thurs, 7.30pm.

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Beginning the BBC's wide-ranging Janáček weekend, Andrew Davis conducts *Taras Bulba*, *The Diary of One Who Disappeared* and the Danube Symphony. **Barbican**, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Fri, 7.30pm.

PLG YOUNG ARTISTS NEW YEAR SERIES: The Park Lane Group's regular January fixture offers a productive encounter between new performers and new chamber music. This year's featured composers are Nicholas Maw and Edward McGuire. **Purcell Room**, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Mon-Fri. Two concerts each evening, 6.30pm and 8pm.

OPERA

LA BOHEME: Elijah Moshinsky's solid staging of Puccini's tearjerker, with evocative period designs by Michael Yeargan, is revived by Scottish Opera. Katerina Kudriavchenko is Mimi, Sally Harrison, Musetta, and Peter Bronder, George Sandison, Stephen Bennett, George Mosley are the artistically inclined young men. Marco Guidarini conducts. **Theatre Royal**, Glasgow (041-332 9000), Thurs, 7.15pm.

CARMEN: David Pountney's ENO production, which sets Bizet's drama in a Latin American used car lot, was not universally admired on its first outing in 1988. Whether or not it seems better second time around (and Pountney's stagings often don't), a strong cast should ensure high musical standards. Sally Burgess returns as Carmen. She is joined by Edmund Barham as Don José, Donald Maxwell as Escamillo, and Cathryn Pope as Micaela. Justin Brown conducts. **Coliseum**, London, WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed, 7.30pm.

ROCK

POP WILL EAT ITSELF: The manic revellers are back with more of their unlikely mix of rap, rave and grunge. **York**, Barbican Centre (0904 656688), Tues, 7.30pm. **Warrington**, Parr Hall (0925 34958), Wed, 7pm. **Birmingham**, Aston Villa Leisure Centre (021-328 8330), Fri, 7pm.

CORNERSHOP: With Anglo-Asian groups beginning to cause a stir in the rock world, this raw new band abrasively clash cultures with thir adrenalin-fuelled guitar, tabla and sitar music. **London**, Venue (081-692 4077), today, 7.30pm. **Birmingham**, Edwards No 8 (021-616 1695), Wed, 7.30pm. **Southampton**, Joiners Arms (0703 225612), Thurs, 7.30pm. **Bradford**, University (0274 383266), Fri, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

ALAN SKIDMORE: Accomplished on sax, flute and drums, this versatile performer, who has worked with everyone from Alexis Korner to Herbie Hancock, has an interestingly diverse repertoire. **Jazz Rumours**, London, N16 (071-254 6198), today, 8.30pm.

PETER KING AND BOBBY WELLINS: A superb bebop saxophonist, King played on the opening night of Ronnie Scott's in 1960 and has been going strong ever since. Tonight he is with the Glaswegian tenor sax player, Wellins. **Bull's Head**, London, SW13 (081-876 5241), today, 8pm.

A NIGHT FOR DAVID: An impressive line-up of Cleo Laine, John Dankworth and guests Kenny Baker and Don Lusher team up to celebrate the music of David Lindup. **Festival Hall**, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), today, 7.30pm.

DANCE

BOLSHOI BALLET: The Bolshoi may not be one of the world's best ballet companies anymore, but it still can draw the crowds. Artistic director Yuri Grigorovich has created choreographic suites based on the full-length works in the Bolshoi repertoire. There will be three full-length ballets on offer every night, each conveyed in less than one hour. The Albert Hall has been transformed for the occasion with a proscenium arch stage which will extend halfway into the arena. Tonight's opening programme comprises Act III of *Swan Lake*, plus abridged versions of Grigorovich's *Golden Age* and *Romeo and Juliet*. **Royal Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, 8pm, tomorrow-next Sat, 7.30pm, mat next Sat, 2.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: A new mixed bill programme brings Balanchine back to Covent Garden with *Apollo*, the choreographer's first collaboration with Stravinsky in 1928, and *Symphony in C*, a dazzling work set to Bizet. Also on the same bill is *The Judas Tree*, MacMillan's last work for the Royal Ballet which quickly became one of his most controversial, thanks to its depiction of gang rape and urban violence. For those seeking a gentler approach there is Ashton's *Cinderella* on Monday. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), *Apollo* bill: Tues, next Sat, 7.30pm. *Cinderella*: Mon, 7.30pm.

ADVENTURES IN MOTION PICTURES: One of Britain's most popular dance companies presents the London premiere of a new comic ballet, created by the witty and irreverent choreographer Matthew Bourne. Entitled *Fitzrovia*, it pays homage to the "Percys" of Fitzrovia, the bohemians of 1920s London and is set to the music of Percy Grainger. *Fitzrovia* is presented in a double bill with a new version of Bourne's *Infernal Galop*. **Lyric Theatre**, King Street, London W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-next Sat, 7.45pm.

EXHIBITIONS

THE GREAT AGE OF BRITISH WATERCOLOUR: This new show shows that between 1750 and 1880 much of the most innovatory work was done in watercolour. Some 300 works by the most famous British watercolourists make the point irresistibly. **Royal Academy of Arts**, Piccadilly, London, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 10am-6pm, opens Fri.

RUSKIN AND TUSCANY: Ruskin's most famous Italian connection, both as critic and as artist, was with Venice. But his interest in Tuscany was hardly less significant, and a large proportion of the works he gathered together for his Sheffield Museum were connected with it. This show consists of some 270 items illustrating Ruskin's view that the roots of much later European art and architecture lay in Tuscany. **Accademia Italiana**, 24 Rutland Gate, London, SW7 (071-225 3474). Tues-Sat, 10am-5.30pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun 2-5.30pm, until Feb 7.

ECCO ROMA: This exhibition gathers a series of tributes to the enduring magic of the Eternal City, including works made in Rome by such visitors as Brueghel, Elsheimer, Poussin and others, as well as locals such as Raphael and Piranesi. Scots Ramsay, Wilkie, David Roberts and Alexander Runciman also stand out. **National Gallery of Scotland**, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 11am-6pm, until Jan 31.

EUROPEANS IN CARICATURE. The British Museum has nearly 20,000 caricatures, mostly hand-coloured etchings, from the great age of cancature, 1770-1830. . Prime examples are shown. **British Museum**, Great Russell Street, London, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Jan 24

TIM HEAD: For this, his most extensive show yet in London, the Lower Gallery has been painted sky-blue and astroturfed to house a series of ink-jet pictures. *Thirteen Most Wanted*.. **Whitechapel Art Gallery**, Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 (071-377 0107). Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm (Wed to 8pm), until Feb 28.

ERIC GILL: The first to concentrate on Gill's major sculptures, this show presents him as one of the most brilliant of all stone-carvers.. **Barbican Art Gallery**, Barbican Centre, London, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed, Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until Feb 7.

EDVARD MUNCH: This major show is devoted to the paintings, drawings and prints made by Munch in the 1890s in connection with his great autobiographical scheme *The Frieze of Life*. **National Gallery**, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2 (071-839 3321). Daily, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), until Feb 7.

VIDEO

THE BRIDGE (Columbia Tri-Star, 12): Cultured British costume drama from Maggie Hemingway's novel about a Victorian wife's summer affair with the painter Philip Wilson Steer. With Saskia Reeves, David O'Hara. Director, Syd McCartney. 1992.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN COLLECTION (FoxVideo, U): Timed to coincide with Attenborough's recent biopic, *Chaplin*, a crop of features come back onto the market. *The Gold Rush* and *The Circus* show Chaplin's supreme gift for pantomime, though the films that linger most in the mind are the imperfect, expressive *Limelight* (where Buster Keaton gets the best laughs) and the truly invigorating comedy *Monsieur Verdoux*.

VOYAGER (London Video, 15): Strange coincidences and a pretty girl derail the life of a globetrotting engineer (Sam Shepard). Sober, absorbing version of Max Frisch's novel *Homo Faber* from director Volker Schlondorff. 1991.

BOOKINGS

NDT3: Jiri Kylian's admired company which grew out of the Nederlands Dans Theater has created an individual dance language for performers now in their forties and fifties, utilising virtuoso talent and experience that often goes to waste through unnecessary retirement. Kylian, Mats Ek, Hans van Manen, Maguy Marin and Ohad Naharin have created ballets specially for the group of four gifted dancers. **Nottingham**, Playhouse (0602 419419), Jan 23. **Leicester**, Phoenix Arts Centre (0533 554854), Jan 29. **London**, Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Feb 1, 2

Jennifer Larmore: to sing in La Damnation de Faust

LA DAMNATION DE FAUST: Berlioz's opera returns to the Covent Garden stage after an absence of 60 years in a co-production with the Saito Kinen Festival, Japan. The Royal Opera team includes the outstanding American baritone Samuel Ramey as Mephistophéles with fellow Americans Jerry Hadley (Faust) and Jennifer Larmore (Marguerite) also in the cast. **Royal Opera House**, London, WC2 (071-240 1066), opens Mar 8, postal bookings available now.

RANDY WESTON'S AFRICAN RHYTHMS QUINTET: Continuing a commitment to his African heritage, pianist Weston collaborates with Gnaoua musicians from Morocco blending North African music with jazz. **London**, Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800), Feb 11. **Llantwit Major**, St Donat's (0446 794848), Feb 13. **Sheffield**, Crucible (0742 769922), Feb 14. **Leeds**, Irish Centre (0532 455570), Feb 18. **Manchester**, RNCM (061-273 4505), Feb 19. **Birmingham**, Adrian Boult Hall (021-236 3889), Feb 20. **Bradford**, Alhambra Studio (0274 752000), Feb 21.

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EVENINGS OUT

MATTHEW BOURNE CHOREOGRAPHER

"I'd like to see the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, *Carousel* at the National Theatre. It's rather whimsical and notoriously difficult to do, and I wonder if the director, Nicholas Hytner, can make it palatable for today's audience. Kenneth MacMillan died shortly before completing the choreography, so I'd like to see his final work. I get most ideas for my work from cinema and theatre and I don't actually see that much dance any more, but Ashton is my favourite choreographer so I'll definitely go to see *Cinderella* at the Royal Opera House. I could see it again and again and still get something more from it... I'm also looking forward to *The Importance of Being Ernest* [opening at the Aldwych on March 9]. With Maggie Smith playing the part of Lady Bracknell, it's absolutely irresistible. Once again, it's directed by Mr Hytner — he gets all the best jobs..."

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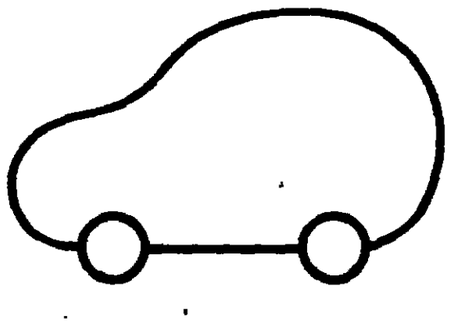

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VAGANTES

(b) The scholar monks who travelled about Europe in the Middle Ages, occasionally in the singular formation *vagans*, from the Latin *vagari* to wander; Helen Waddell: "The historical interest of the *Vagantes* as one of the earliest disintegrating forces in the mediaeval church has been left on one side." "Carols, nursery rhymes and the songs of the vagantes."

SITULA

(a) Archaeological jargon for any of various bucket-shaped vessels, from the Latin *situla* a bucket: "An early example of the situla or bronze bucket for which Bologna no less than Este was to become famous in future years." "The iron-sword period is richly represented by articles decorated in the situla style. Such is the name given to a method of ornamenting vessels of the bucket type by means of horizontal bands."

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PEARTEN

(a) Transitive and intransitive, to cheer up, dialect, to become more lively or sprightly, to hasten, from the adjective *peart*: "We will have to pearten up if we expect to get there on time." "But when he peartened up, we all took fresh heart."

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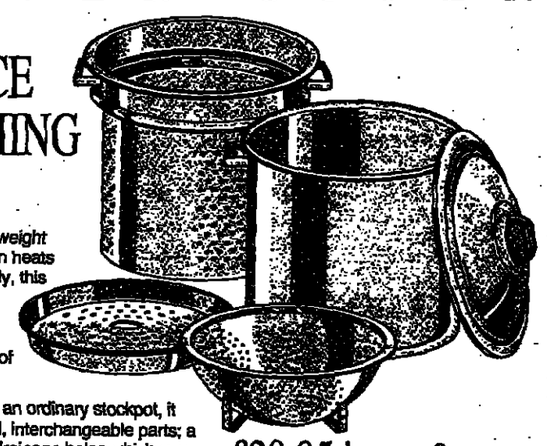

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Nature will always smudge a man's finest masterpiece

"Only four furrows to go," I muttered as I strode across the frozen clods of earth. I paced it out again and, sure enough, four more miserable rounds with the plough and the winter's ploughing would be done.

Not that I should grumble. Derek, the old horseman, had gamely volunteered to finish the headland, which is generally reckoned to be the most gruelling of all the ploughing tasks. This is the strip around the edge, about five yards wide, which is left when you have ploughed up and down the field. You go round and round the headland until either you drop, or the horses do, or the job is done. At one stage I really thought it might be the horses which would not finish the course, for after a mere couple of hours, when normally they would hardly have raised a heavy breath let alone a sweat, old Star and Blue were dripping like heavyweights after a title fight. Tough old Derek, needless to say, was untouched by the effort.

But although ploughing stiff and cloddy headlands is a fight every inch of the way (remember, this is the land on which the horses have trodden repeatedly when turning at the ends of the furrows), there is a deep satisfaction in providing the frame, as it were, to an artful piece of ploughing. Although to tell the truth, this year's ploughing has been indifferent: not the work of an Old Master.

I paced the frozen ground again, just to reassure myself that there were really only four and not five gruesome furrows to go, and as I turned to walk back to the farmyard I noticed a wall of chilly fog edging towards me. The frost had not lifted all day and it was bitterly cold, but as the fog overtook me, some great refrigerator door opened up and the temperature dived. I groped my way back to the farmyard to continue work with yet another artistic effort. This one is unashamedly born of the romantic school; devised to pluck heart-strings that twang whenever they see Constable's "Hay Wain". It is my lambing yard, built amidst the soft red brick of the farmyard wall, sheltered on two sides by the embrace of the black wooden barn, bedded with golden straw and roofed with thatch of our own growing. The sheep are mere extras in this re-make of *Far from the Madding Crowd*.

But the centrepiece is the shepherd's hut, which has stood idle by the house all summer waiting for its days of glory. We trundled it into position last week and it slotted into the scene like the final piece in a child's farmyard jigsaw. Our blacksmith had fabricated a chimney to match a small stove which I had found; I had dusted off the hurricane lamps, chopped logs small enough to feed the tiny stove, and gathered all the potions and appliances that are part of lambing, even down to the half bottle of whisky to steady the shepherd's hand.

For light reading I stowed away a copy of *Walk Soft in the Fold* by David B. Nixon. This is a treasure and a comfort, for not only is it a tale well told of a young lad apprenticed to a shepherd of the old school, but scattered throughout the text are nuggets of wisdom which no modern text on sheep husbandry would impart. For example, "... he took a clean piece of straw and gently pushed it up the lamb's nose — the lamb gave a great sneeze. 'That be better,' said the old man." Since reading that, I have stirred life into several newborn lambs with no more than a wisp of straw. I have yet to try the trick of feeding ivy to a ewe that is off her food, but no doubt I shall. As the frost settled heavy for the night, the first lamb was born. Lambing had officially started, and I set a match to the kindling in the stove.

I went back to the house for a bottle of milk, tea and warm clothes for the night, anticipating that this year's lambing, set in my idyllic frame, would be one to remember.

But as I made my way back to the hut, I glanced at the ewe and sensed something was wrong. A second lamb was being born and was firmly stuck. I went to the hut for my lambing bag and found a thick, black smog oozing through every crack in the door. I flung open the door and a wall of smoke fell on me. It was like being inside a kipper-curing shed. The stove, untested till now, was old and leaking. I struggled to haul the lamb from the ewe but it was dead. Half an hour later she gave birth to a third, dead also. No matter how carefully the romantic farmer tries to paint the perfect picture, nature always smudges it.

In the heart of the Surrey stockbroker belt, **Sue Moore** meets a couple who have dedicated themselves to helping sick and injured animals from the wild

Hand of mercy for wildlife

PETER TREVNOR

Trying a little tenderness: Simon Cowell gives comfort to a badger while his wife Jill looks on at Wildlife Aid's hospital for wild animals in Leatherhead, Surrey

Randalls Farm House is an unobtrusive building. Set back behind tall hedges, within earshot of the main British Rail commuter link to London and just inside the busy boundary of the M25, it looks like any other spacious family house in the Surrey stockbroker belt. However, it is rather different from its neighbours. For this house, where the Cowell family have lived for the past 13 years, also doubles as home to the transient wild animal population of Wildlife Aid.

The new brick extension built on to the front of the house is not, as might be imagined, an extra bedroom, breakfast or utility room, but an animal hospital, complete with operating theatre and intensive care unit. Work on the hospital was completed in May last year, and the building, which stretches across the drive towards the front gate, is in full use.

Look of love: Jill Cowell

Even though the builders donated much of their labour and an architect friend of Simon Cowell's drew up the plans for nothing, the project cost Wildlife Aid more than £30,000. "It's been a financial struggle," explains Mr Cowell, co-founder of Wildlife Aid. "But it was vital that we have a hospital to provide a sterile environment so that local vets can work on site. It also means that severely injured animals do not have to make an extra journey to reach a surgery. We were given £10,000 of medical apparatus by an anonymous donor, so there are few, if any, operations which cannot be carried out here."

The new building has also eased the overcrowding of the centre's outside sheds, pens, aviaries and enclosures which are, even now at a quieter time of the year, often full to overflowing with convalescent wild patients. These are the victims of road accidents, cold weather, attacks by domestic or other wild animals, unlucky encounters with overhead cables, tractors, bonfires, fences and french windows. Frequently, their injuries are the result of plain human ignorance, stupidity or cruelty.

Although this time of year is traditionally quiet at the centre, since the hospital's completion patient intake has rocketed by 500 per cent on equivalent times in 1991-92. Before the hospital's arrival, intake was already growing by 100 per cent each year. "Last year," Mr Cowell says, "we treated literally thousands of wild creatures and it cost Wildlife Aid £45,000 to do so. This year, we fully expect to take in an even greater number of casualties and expect running costs of £67,000."

Jill Cowell, the other half of the husband and wife team that runs Wildlife Aid, says: "We never refuse any wild animal. We'll take in anything from a golden eagle to a mouse. If a creature is sick or has been injured or orphaned, we believe it deserves a fighting chance of survival."

Recent convalescents with the Cowells include badgers, deer, foxes, kestrels, pigeons, hedgehogs, garden and water birds — in fact any and every conceivable species you care to name. In the summer and winter months alike, it is a full-time job keeping all the patients warm and fed. "Juggling the needs of my own family with those of the animal family in the garden can be hard," explains Mrs Cowell, who is simultaneously chief animal nurse, wife, mother and chauffeur to her two daughters, Gemma and Louisa. "I've always been an animal nut," she says. "I just never grew out of it."

Like her husband, she would "dearly love to have been a vet". But whereas she has given up her former career as a music teacher and semi-professional oboist and clarinet player in order to care for the animals at the centre, Mr Cowell continues to lead something of a double life. Every weekday morning he commutes into the City, where he works as a commodity broker. He spends his evenings and weekends working for Wildlife Aid and would jump at the chance to give up the day job. "That would be my idea of bliss," he says.

When the Cowells took in their first patient more than ten years ago, they had little idea that the venture would grow as big or as fast as it has. A solitary seagull with a broken wing was brought to them by an acquaintance, and it was followed by a steady trickle of other patients. Word of the Cowells' "hobby" soon travelled. "By 1987, it was getting horrendous," Mr Cowell says. "We had sick and injured animals in the house, in the shed and in the garden. It was crazy."

It was then that the Cowells registered Wildlife Aid as a charity. Mr Cowell says that the increase in admissions since then is because the centre's existence is more widely known. The volunteer workforce that assists Mrs Cowell every day is, in her words, "the linchpin to Wildlife Aid's ability to cope. Without them, we could not continue in our work."

Voluntary help is important to Wildlife Aid's success, not least that from local vets who give freely of their time and expertise. Even the Cowells' dentist has lent a hand, constructing an artificial beak for a duck whose own lower bill had been shot off. "That kept her going for a couple of years before it wore out," says Simon, "but she has now learnt to feed very well without it."

The duck in question continues to live on the pond at the foot of the garden, together with an assortment of other water fowl that are either in some way incapacitated or else have simply decided that they do not wish to move further afield.

Although there is a handful of permanent residents at the centre, most of the patients are returned to the wild. The Cowells are justifiably proud that about 70 per cent of their charges, which without treatment would certainly have died from their injuries, are successfully returned to their natural habitats.

"If they can be got back to the wild, then that's what we aim for. We are not a zoo and we do not seek to domesticate wild animals," Mr Cowell says. Yet some patients are keener on captivity than others. A prosperous-looking rabbit named Peter has been released on five different occasions, but has found his way back to the centre each time. He now spends his nights tucked up in a warm hutch and his days in an enormous fruit cage, sharing the latter with a host of rehabilitating garden birds. Here, the birds learn to pick up food for themselves and to fly proficiently, an especially vital step in the growing-up process of hand-reared fledgelings.

The hacking houses at the bottom of the garden are also an important part of the rehabilitation process, breaking the bond which can build up when injured creatures have been handled and fed by humans. For birds such as the kestrel whose broken wing has been carefully pinned and set over the past few weeks, the hacking house dissociates humans from food and comfort. Meals are sent down chutes, a vertical wooden wall makes humans invisible and the roofs and top half of the cage gives the patient an enticing view of trees and sky. When the kestrel is ready to return to the wild, the lid of its hacking house will be left open and it will be free to fly out. Just in case its return to the wild is difficult or prey is scarce, food and water will be provided in the hacking house for it to return to.

> The injuries are frequently the result of human stupidity or cruelty

Mr and Mrs Cowell always try to ensure that the right spot is found for each animal released back to the wild. Many of them are closely monitored to make sure that they do not get into the same difficulties again, but some manage to skip bail. A fox which had been injured by a car on a busy Epsom road was deliberately released into a quieter country area, far from any traffic. "But the moment we put him down he turned straight round and shot back over towards the main road," says Jill. "He was heading back to the bright lights."

Mr Cowell's biggest concerns at the moment centre on funds to enable Wildlife Aid to continue in its work. "We rely totally on voluntary contributions from the public to assist us in our work, but our needs are now such that we desperately require a corporate sponsor. We're a high profile charity, and we hope that this will persuade someone, somewhere to come to our aid in a substantial and regular way."

People in the public eye who have already allied themselves to the charity's cause as patrons of Wildlife Aid include Sir Harry Secombe, Virginia McKenna, Pam Rhodes, Kate Bush, Marti Webb, Beverley Craven, Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and Jenny Seagrove. Some of these friends of Wildlife Aid, together with others from the world of entertainment, are expected to give their support to the charity on its next open day on May 22. "The last open day was a terrific success, with thousands of visitors attending to see aspects of our work at first hand. This year, we hope that even more people will come along and support us," Mr Cowell says.

● *For details of the open day, membership of Wildlife Aid or for other information on how you can help, contact Wildlife Aid, Randalls Farm House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 0AL (0372 377332). For emergency assistance and advice on wildlife casualties, call the helpline, 0839 800132 (calls charged at 36p a minute off-peak and 48p a minute at peak times).*

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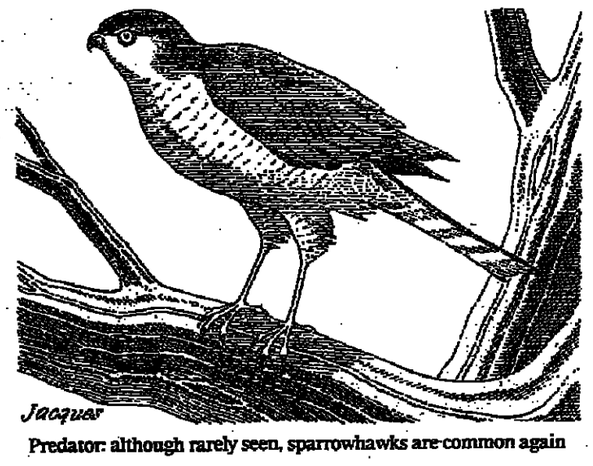

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Predator: although rarely seen, sparrowhawks are common again

TWO hook-billed birds of prey roam over most of the British countryside: the sparrowhawk and the kestrel. Sparrowhawks almost died out 30 years ago because they ate so many small birds with pesticide in them. Now they are quite common again, but not seen all that often: most bird-watchers can remember clearly all their recent encounters with them.

Those encounters are nearly always dramatic. I was once in a walled garden in Scotland, where blue and great tits came in large numbers to feed on a low bird-table, and a brown female sparrowhawk regularly attacked them. I was lurking by the wall, waiting and hoping that it would come. Suddenly it shot down like an arrow towards the bird-table, but before it even got there it must have seen me. I could hear its tried to stop and reverse — a kind of avian screeching of brakes. For a second it was poised there in the air like a giant brown shuttlecock. Then it exploded away into the sky.

Normally sparrowhawks feed by speeding along the hedgerows, going from one side to the other and trying to take a chaffinch or a greenfinch by surprise as they swing across. But small birds often see them coming, and if you hear a flock of long-tailed tits start to make a high-pitched chattering, or a blackbird screech unaccountably, you may well see a sparrowhawk flash past you a moment later. Sometimes one will descend on a flock of starlings in a field, pouncing on one in the air as they scatter.

You can normally distinguish them from kestrels by their behaviour; it is more difficult if you happen to spot a hawk sitting distance. In good light the kestrel's reddish-brown back — almost orange in the male — is quite clearly different from either the greyish-brown back of the female sparrowhawk or the blue back (and reddish breast) of the smaller male. probably indicate a sparrowhawk, pointed wings a kestrel.

Kestrels have a different way of life. They hover against the wind, looking for voles and mice moving on the ground below; sometimes a whole string of them seems to be motorway. Of course, when they are hovering, they are really flying into the wind at the same speed as the wind, and therefore remaining motionless. They achieve lift by fanning and depressing their tail — they do that more in a light wind than in a gale.

They come down on their prey very fast, in a slanting, forward descent. Then they carry it off to an old woodpigeon's nest to eat. They will also dart at a bird or hover for earthworms over ploughed fields.

As dusk falls, sparrowhawks head for a wood to roost in, or a dense blackthorn or hawthorn in a hedge. Kestrels like to go indoors and often spend the night in a deserted barn or a hole in the masonry of some ruins. But there is no peace for the mice and birds. For then they have another enemy to fear, as the tawny owls awake.

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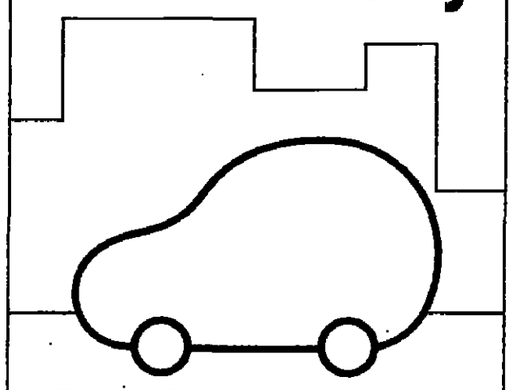

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Souped up and ready to glow

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, suggests cheap and cheering broths for January

RECEIVED wisdom has it that to make soup you need stock to start with. Not so, according to the domestic science teacher in the first and only cookery lesson I had at school. We were to make soup. We chopped up some onions, carrots, celery and turnip, put these in a saucepan with a pint or so of water, some salt and white pepper. And then we boiled and boiled. I took the result home in a Thermos flask, knowing that praise would not be heaped on my head for this little creation.

Thereafter, I transferred to needlework lessons, and learnt to make soup under my mother's supervision. What we used to make was a simple soup and very tasty, a homely English version of minestrone. Flavour came not from stock but from bacon rinds, which we fried until the fat ran. This was used for browning the onions and vegetables. Beans or other pulses were added, together with whatever greens were available, such as the leaves torn from cauliflower ribs or some cabbage leaves. Gravy, left over from the Sunday joint or roast chicken, would go into the pot, with some broken spaghetti.

The all-purpose meat and vegetable soup recipe I use today is not very different. Although it takes some time to prepare, this can be adjusted to suit your own timetable. If using pulses that need soaking, this can be done overnight in cold water, or you can use canned beans or chickpeas, and add them when you add the green vegetables.

None of the other soup recipes today needs stock. The ingredients themselves have enough flavour to provide what is needed. If you want to make a stock-based soup, but do not have the time to make it, I recommend you try the Kallo "Just Bouillon" range, which includes court bouillon, chicken, fish and garlic, and herbs. The Friggs range is similar and includes vegetable stock and a low-salt vegetable bouillon. They are available in some supermarkets and wholefood or healthfood shops.

In fact, fish stock takes little time to make, not much more than 30 or 40 minutes from coming to simmering point. All the white fish bones, especially turbot, sole, monkfish and brill, can be used. Chop them up, put in a large saucepan, cover with water, add a piece of celery top, a bay leaf, a sliver of lemon zest and a slice of fresh ginger, if you have it. Do not let it boil, but just let it simmer. Strain it into a bowl to cool for use later, or reduce it, cool it and freeze it. Chicken or other meat stocks are made with the same additions but simmered for longer.

Smoked haddock and potato soup

(serves 4-6)

2 pt/1.15l semi-skimmed or skimmed milk

1.2oz/340g undyed smoked haddock

1lb/455g potatoes

4 bay leaves

grating of nutmeg

pepper

Put the milk in a saucepan and gently poach the fish in it for a few minutes until just set. Do not boil, as the fish rapidly hardens. Remove the fish and put to one side. Peel and dice the potatoes small and cook in the milk, together with the bay leaves. When the potatoes are soft, scoop half of them out, sieve or mash them, and return them to the pan. Skin the fish, flake it, and put the pieces in the soup. Season lightly with nutmeg and pepper, bring to the boil and serve.

Variation (prawn, dill and potato soup)

Using the same method, I make a winter version of one of my favourite summer soups, replacing cucumber with potato. Use prawns in the shell for extra flavour: poach them in the milk for 2 to 3 minutes, remove them and shell when cool. Cook the potatoes in the milk, together with a generous or meagre portion of dill, depending on preference and availability. Blend or sieve half the potatoes, some of the dill and some of the prawns together, and stir this purée back into the soup. Remove the very cooked dill, and replace with fresh for garnish.

This next soup is very like the Chinese breakfast porridge or congee. Although it takes a long time to cook, preparation time is short, and the pot can be left to look after itself. Sliced, fresh, red chillies, and a little rice vinegar can be added for a bracing start to the day. Hong Kong style, but I like the soothing, bland flavours unseasoned. This is a very thick soup.

Chicken and rice soup

(serves 2-3)

1 free-range chicken breast, on the bone

2oz/60g rice, long or short grain, white or brown

1½pt/850ml water

seasoning

Take the meat off the bone, cut into strips, and put to one side. Put the bone, skin and rice in a saucepan with the water. Bring to the boil, partially cover, and simmer for an hour or so. Cooking it longer will not do any harm: the rice will already have burst and become soft and starchy. About 15 minutes before serving, stir in the strips of chicken and continue cooking. Remove the skin and bone, season lightly and serve.

Creamed carrot soup

(serves 4-6)

1 tbsp olive oil

1 small onion, peeled and thinly sliced

1 celery stalk, sliced

1 tsp ground cumin

1 tsp ground coriander

seeds of 6 cardamom pods

1lb/455g carrots, peeled and coarsely grated

2pt/1.15l skimmed or semi-skimmed milk

seasoning

to garnish: flat leaf parsley, fresh coriander, or fresh mint, as available

Heat the oil in a saucepan, and lightly brown the onion, and then add the celery and spices. Cook for 2-3 minutes, and then add the carrots and milk. Bring to the boil, simmer until the carrot is cooked. Allow to cool slightly, and then blend and sieve back into the saucepan. Bring to the boil, season and serve, garnished with a little greenery.

Variation (carrot and avocado soup)

This is a more elaborate soup, pale orange into which you swirl avocado cream before serving. Cook the carrot soup as described. Meanwhile, put a peeled, stoned, ripe avocado in the blender with a little seasoning and 2-3 tbsp boiling milk. Blend until smooth, and spoon it into the carrot soup just before serving. Similar soups can be made with parsnips, celeriac and beetroot.

An all-purpose meat and vegetable soup

(serves 8)

Section 1: meat

One of the following:

1 knuckle of bacon

1 end-piece of Parma ham

a meaty ham bone

2lbs/900g chicken wings

2lbs/900g pork spare ribs

2lbs/900g breast of lamb

1 oxtail

1lb/455g shin beef or brisket

Trim any visible fat. Dice, slice or cut, or leave whole if appropriate.

Section 2: basic ingredients

1 onion

1 carrot

1 celery stalk

1 leek

3 or 4 peeled tomatoes, fresh or canned

2 tbsp olive oil

2 bay leaves

Peel, trim and dice or slice the vegetables, and fry in the oil until golden brown.

Add the bay leaves, and one item from section 1, which can be fried first to brown it if you wish, and dusted with flour. Add one or two ingredients from section 3 (below) and 4pt/2.3l water.

Bring to the boil, partially cover, and simmer gently for 2-3 hours, depending on the ingredients.

Add ingredients from section 4 (below), peeled, trimmed and sliced, or diced, as appropriate, and cook until the vegetables, grains or pasta are tender. Before serving, add whatever garnish appeals to you. I like a little fruity olive oil stirred into soups like these.

Section 3

Soaked in hot water for 1 to 2 hours, the following:

chickpeas

borlotti or pinto beans

haricot or cannellini beans

black-eyed beans

pearl barley

Boiled for 15 minutes, drained and then soaked for an hour, the following:

black beans

red kidney beans

Not soaked, the following:

green, brown or orange lentils

yellow split peas

Section 4

cabbage

broccoli

green beans

courgettes

rice

pasta shapes or broken up spaghetti

DIANA LEADBETTER

RESTAURANT WATCH

Bruno tries for another knockout

Starting today, **Robin Young** presents a round-up on restaurants

GOOD NEWS
Opening of the week:
Bistrot Bruno,
63 Frith Street, London, W1 (071-734 4545)

This place sounds like a knockout but it is Bruno Loubet of the Four Seasons, not Frank Bruno of the Four Rounds, who has joined Pierre Condou in re-labelling L'Hippocampe, which had tired on a costly fresh fish diet.

Loubet has been at the stoves himself during the first settling-in week (finishing tonight), and will continue to design the menus, act as consultant and drop in during time off from his kitchen at the Inn on the Park.

The regular chef is Desmond Yare, an English acolyte who was with Bruno Loubet at Raymond Blanc's Manoir aux Quat' Saisons. Key staff are all previous Loubet colleagues.

In the fast-changing menu, onion soup with cheese soufflé, Bruno's moussaka, and stewed apple with rosemary, cookies and mascarpone ice-cream (£18 the lot) will make pretty regular appearances.

A la carte: starters £4-£5.50, main courses £9.50-£12, desserts £3.50-£4.50.

Wines: reasonable.

Accommodation: the restaurant can seat 50, and it was already serving 30 a night early last week.

Lunch, noon-2.30pm. Notably extended evening hours, 6.15-11.30pm.

BAD NEWS
Non-opening of the week:
Wagamama,
Streatham Street, (between Bloomsbury Street and Copnic Street), WC1 (071-924 5038; no bookings.

Hopeful young persons about Bloomsbury who hoped that building works in the ground-floor rooms here might signal an end to queues to get into last year's most successful opening, the ultra-modern basement Japanese noodle bar which now serves 1,200 (yes, 1,200) people a day, are to be disappointed.

Camden council has refused planning permission for seating, or even a café-bar upstairs, and the extra space can be used only as staff room and offices. That will improve storage facilities downstairs, where there will also be room for a stainless steel bar. Alan Yau, the manager, promises it will look shiny smooth.

Wagamama's owners are receiving five enquiries a week for joint ventures and franchise deals, and hunting for cafe premises nearby.

Meanwhile, due to pressure on space, desserts are off.

OLD NEWS
Re-union of the week:
The Restaurateurs' Association of Great Britain.

The association celebrates its 25th anniversary with a banquet at the Inn on the Park on Monday night.

Father figures from the past, such as Robert Carrier (formerly of Carrier's in Islington, north London, and Hintlesham Hall, near Ipswich), Mario Cassandro (surviving partner of the Mario & Franco Terrazza team which set the tone of London eating in the 1960s) and Rafael Calzada (former owner of L'Ecu de France and the Caprice) will be joining today's young lions, such as Richard Shepherd (Langan's Brasserie), Antony Worrall-Thompson (dell 'Ugo, Downstairs at 190) and Rowley Leigh (Kensington Place).

The treat: putting the clock back for dinner, 1960s-style. Could that mean prawn cocktails, steak Diane and Black Forest gâteau all round?

TUNEFUL NEWS
Week's concerted effort:
The Wigmore Restaurant,
36 Wigmore Street, London, W1 (071-487 4874)

The new arts-and-crafts-styled restaurant in the basement of the recently re-opened Wigmore Hall is picking up the tempo.

The caterers have a very good track record, having given us The Archduke wine bar and sausagery on the South Bank, the Footstool at St John's, Smith Square, and the Tall House, Southwark Road.

Lunch noon-3pm (not Saturday). Pre-concert dinner 5.30-8pm: two courses £9.95; three courses £12.50. Pre-booked suppers are served from the buffet for about an hour after concerts. Sundays noon-4pm.

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Vintage year for the new world

Despite the devaluation, **Jane MacQuitty** foresees bargains in 1993

Palate pleasers: the vineyards of New Zealand produce zesty wines, ideal for drinking in the British climate

Every cloud is said to have a silver lining. And as the recession drags on, its unexpected gift to wine drinkers is the prospect of a year brimming over with exciting, toothsome, inexpensive, often new bottles.

Top of every smart wine drinker's list is the decent £1.99er that, despite the killjoy efforts of most of the independent and specialist chains, still continues to be part of the supermarkets' strong competitive repertoire.

Where these wines will come from is harder to work out. The biggest headache for wine buyers in 1993, apart from staying solvent, will be to anticipate the exchange rate successfully. With the pound weakest against the French franc and German mark, it will obviously be these traditional wine suppliers to the UK who will be hardest hit. Fortunately for Britain's wine drinkers, bumper crops and sluggish demand mean that the wine market worldwide is soft at the moment, so opportunities to drink well and cheaply exist everywhere.

Despite the new opportunities to buy wine cheaply across the Channel, it will continue to be the ever-increasing new-world wines that capture our palates and cash, at the expense of the old world. Because of a strong dollar and an often short-sighted, if not arrogant, approach, California and the rest of North America appear to have missed the 1993 boat. South American wine producers, such as Chile, with its frosts and higher prices, and Argentina, with its lack of wine-making expertise, are not likely to find 1993 their year either. The Cape winemakers are reacting well to UK wine drinkers' needs, so expect to see better wines and vintages coming on stream here in winsome wines of Australia and New Zealand that will provide the best wine-drinking opportunities of 1993.

What makes the wines of the Antipodes so worthwhile compared with those of the old world are consistency and tremendous value for money. Coupled with these are the Australian and New Zealand wine producers' easy to understand wine styles and labels. I also believe that the sunny, bouncy fruit flavours of Australian wines and the zesty, but no less invigorating, character of New Zealand wines are just what is needed to cheer up a cold, grey British existence.

Another hot tip for drinkers in 1993 are the wines of the former Eastern block. Bulgaria is likely to provide a rich seam of cheap, tasty drinking, as it did in the mid-1970s. It is not quite the free Bulgarian economy that commentators imply, but there are now at least three independents in prime wine regions there, who are capable of providing excellent red wines, particularly cabernet and merlot. Competition with the vast and still very powerful ity, Vinimpex, will ensure that standards are higher than ever before.

Elsewhere in eastern Europe, Hugh Ryman's Hungarian wines are likely to continue to enthrall, despite the drought there, and may be followed by other worthwhile wines. I also very much like the sound of Mr Ryman's new Moldavian wines, due here in April. Watch out this spring for what are rumoured to be splendid Moldavian cabernet/merlot and even pinot noir varieties, plus chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and rekateteli.

Of the other European countries, Portugal deserves to do well. Unpronounceable names and grapes do not help, of course. But the combination of first-class wine makers, such as Peter Bright, the country's own impressive varietals and the right injection of capital into vineyard, cellar and winery will soon ensure that Portugal has its heyday here, perhaps even next year. Vintage port continues to look extraordinarily good value for money.

France, however, is the dark horse of 1993. Devaluation has stifled growth but good value for money can still be had, although with the cheaper wines you have to fight to find it. The south is beginning to realise its potential as better, more consistent and keener priced wines become available. Mr Ryman's white grenache and ugni blanc blend from Luberon, a chardonnay taste-alike, so we are promised, is likely to be one of several new bright spots here.

mature bordeaux and burgundy parcels will definitely be part of the 1993 wine scene. Burgundy's prices have dropped by about 25 per cent in the region, though this saving has not always been passed on by British merchants. Seek out low prices for the 1991 white burgundies and 1990 and 1991 reds.

Bordeaux will be rewarding to watch this year, particularly how the Bordelais handle the marketing of the new 1992 crop. Again, prices across the board should be down by 15 to 20 per cent, because of the glut of good wine for sale.

Jean Cordier's lead in reducing Talbot by 45 per cent of the going Bordeaux price for a quick sale is likely to tempt others to follow.

Prices in the Loire, because of a poor 1991 vintage, and the Rhône, because of firmer worldwide demand, are likely to hold steady.

Finally, those optimists who feel sure they will have something to celebrate in 1993 will be glad to know that good, cheap, own-label champagne prices from £8.99 will be on

Best buys

- Australian and New Zealand wines, especially those priced between £2.99 and £4.99, represent astonishingly good value for money.
- Bulgarian red wines, particularly cabernet and merlot priced from £1.99.
- Hugh Ryman's wines from Moldavia, Hungary, France.
- Portuguese wines and vintage ports but not cheap, sweet rosés.
- Cut-price mature bordeaux and burgundy.

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Gourmet food at a squeeze

The Johnsons' shop and supper bar may be tiny, but it's packed with big-eating ideas. **Clarissa Hyman** reports

Let's get the joke over with first: Fauchon, Fortnum and ... The Ramsbottom Victuallers? Yes, very funny — except that serious food shoppers are having the last laugh in this Lancashire village, a few miles north of Bury. There are few other places in Britain where you can buy, for example, Tre Cerchi natural fruit vinegars from Italy , or a bottle of Jacques Selosse, one of France's most exciting champagne producers.

Lucky Ramsbottom. Ros and Chris Johnson have recently opened the deli/wine merchant's victuallers, with a supper bar and coffee shop in the terrace adjoining their Village Restaurant. The philosophy of their kitchen is perpetuated in the new venture: nothing but the best, everything meticulously hand-selected, and as fresh and organic as possible.

To call their basement shop small would be misleading; we are talking postage stamps here. Rarely can so many high-class provisions have been compressed into a space 10ft by 30ft. There are 700 wines and nearly that many food products. There's just about room for the customers.

Best-sellers include the top olive oils and vinegars, marinated provençal olives and Italian porcini, fruit teas, smoked venison sausages and sun-dried tomatoes. Prices are fair for the quality. The Tre Cerchi vinegars sell at £10.75, and the Valrhona chocolate from France is much cheaper than in city centre shops.

The wines, listed mostly by grower and displayed with tasting notes, are drawn from the restaurant's aristocratic reserves. Mr Johnson has built up his cellar with evangelical fervour and an accuracy of judgment that is surprising when one learns he is, through digestive necessity, teetotal.

In effect, the Johnsons have opened a dinner-party shop. "We think of it as a shop for cooks created by a chef," Mr Johnson says. "We have not started from the point of view of the conventional retailer, we thought out what was needed to produce a great dinner party and stocked a shop full of those ingredients. But you do not have to buy a lot; we'll also sell you a single vanilla pod, one nutmeg or a 30p packet of Spanish saffron.

"We put out little dishes so that people can sample the olives or cheese or Ros's pickled green walnuts, and we've pinned up cooking ideas alongside the products. The fresh artichoke pasta works beautifully with the rocket sauce, for example; or we might suggest having the *crema di noci* on toast.

"It has taken us eight years to track down the finest sources of produce for the restaurant, and the shop reflects that knowledge."

> The Johnsons have opened a dinner-party shop — 'a shop for cooks created by a chef'

Ramsbottom has moved upmarket in recent years; a commuter belt cosmetically reconstructed from the scarred post-industrial Pennine hills. But the recession has brought a noticeable chill factor. "People are spending much less on eating out, except for special occasions," Mrs Johnson says. "Instead, they spend more on superb ingredients so that they can recreate at home the recipes they read about in the supplements."

At The Ramsbottom Victuallers, opening hours have been linked to those of the coffee shop and supper bar. The idea is for customers to shop a little, eat a little, and shop a little more. Feel a trifle fatigued choosing between the Loch Fyne smoked eel or the Italian Salame Ventricina? Then pop upstairs for a cafetière of one of 20 freshly ground varieties and a pastry from a local baker, who reckons he can rival those of Maison Blanc. Enjoyed the cassoulet on the restaurant menu? Then take home goose breast, sausage, beans and bacon. Plus the recipe.

The advantage of this integrated approach is twofold: supplies can serve both sides of the counter, and it helps to avoid the dilemma that bedevils many small shops reluctant to stock quality items lest they are left with a surplus of saucissons. The main problem is the traffic jam on the narrow stairway.

The Johnsons have long been committed to artisan producers and impeccable organic sources. Dining at their restaurant has often been not so much a spiritual experience as an advanced seminar in ingredient genealogy.

Enthusiasts of the restaurant style will not be disappointed in the shop. Alongside the bottles of Clos de l'Arbalestrier, made by 80-year-old Dr Emil Florentin in the northern Rhône, is a photograph of a horse. The horse is 24 years old and named Bichette. Bichette ploughs and manures the soil, which nurtures the vines, which grow the grapes, which make the wine to be enjoyed at a Lancastrian dinner table. Vive le food chain.

Above all, this tiny, gastronomic souk overflows with enthusiasm. Mr Johnson and his staff want you to eat, drink and enjoy. Try his recipe for fruit and nut chocolate: take one square of Valrhona Caraïbes chocolate, one organic pecan nut, two or three Australian muscatel berries, and put them all in the mouth together. Result: happiness.

The shop stocks more than three dozen single estate extra-virgin oils, mostly Tuscan, Ligurian, Umbrian and Sicilian. The French oils include those from Henri Bellon, the 1992 Paris gold medallist, and the rarely found Moulin de la Garrigue. There are Guernard's finest cold-pressed nut oils from Provence, and Champs Vinegars, which are supplied as own-label to Fauchon (and work out cheaper in Ramsbottom).

There, too, are beautiful, coarse-chopped, meaty Italian salamis, along with Richard Woodall's dry-cured hams and bacon. There is smoked fish from Loch Fyne and Cumbrian smoked lamb and quails. There are aromatic Spanish caper berries on the stem, marinated in white wine vinegar, and unsulphured Turkish apricots. La Perruche cane sugar from France is sold loose. Fresh pastas are stuffed with asparagus, artichokes, salmon or herbs. For sheer concentration of taste, try the organic apricot nectar from Mas de Gourgonnier.

Fine British cheeses are sold alongside Italian wild mushrooms, more than 30 types of teas and coffees, including the self-proclaimed "World's Best", and a French prune chutney that is superb with stilton.

The wines stock features Bordeaux, Burgundy, Rhône (including those of Alain Paret), Alsace, Germany, Italy and Spain. There is a smaller selection of new world wines, including several vintages of Cloudy Bay from New Zealand. There are more than two dozen leading English wines; grower cognacs, armagnacs, calvados, grappa, cask-bottled whiskies and an eclectic selection of sherries, fruit liqueurs and brandies. Try, as an aperitif, the delicious Berkshire elderflower wine with wild blackberry brandy from Sussex.

Wine mark-ups are very fair. Good, small-grower, vintage champagnes can be had at non-vintage prices. Eden Ridge Dry White 1992, from Adam Wynn in the Eden and Barossa valleys of South Australia, sells for £4.99. Mari Dulcis, Campo de Borja, a rarely seen sweet dessert wine from central Spain, costs £8.95, but you can go up to £600 for a bottle of Château d'Yquem. Equally luxurious is a bottle of Celaya, Valrhona's ultimate hot chocolate drink at £13.95 for two litres.

● *The Ramsbottom Victuallers, 16-18 Market Place, Ramsbottom, Greater Manchester BL0 9HT (0706 825070).*

Purveyor of pleasurable food and wine: Chris Johnson, the teetotal proprietor of the well-stocked Ramsbottom Victuallers in Lancashire

Raise your glasses to the old gods' gift to lovers

Brewing mead takes patience, but the benefits can be most satisfying

AT A dinner party, mead, if it gets a look in at all, might be regarded as third rate, until you sip it. Then the drinker is in for a pleasant surprise.

The "nectar of the gods" is having a well-deserved revival — as a delicious and healthy drink, and as a reputedly potent aphrodisiac.

Mrs Marjorie Trenear, a prize-winning mead maker, says: "Even if you do everything the same it always turns out differently; no two batches of honey are quite the same."

Mead needs to hang around a bit after brewing, she says. Five years is ideal between making and drinking.

Fermenting in the right temperature is important. Too hot and it may fail; too cold it may not ferment, but can be restarted by putting in a warmer place. Sterilising at all stages is vital, as is the exclusion of air. More difficult to control is the potency, even when a hydrometer is used.

TONY WHITE

Potent brew: Marjorie Trenear makes prize-winning meads

Marjorie Trenear's dry and sweet meads

Equipment: 2 large demi-johns; 1 small tonic-sized bottle; 1 large saucepan; wooden spoon and teaspoon; fermentation trap with demi-john cork; cotton wool; straight-sided, not sloping, bottling corks; filter paper; hydrometer; syphon; beeswax or clingfilm seals; labels.

Ingredients: To make dry mead, use 3lb of honey to 1 gal water. For sweeter mead, use 3½lb-4lb honey. You will also need: Campden tablets; ¼ tsp tartaric acid; 1 pkt dried yeast; 1 orange and 1 lemon; ½ pt strained cold tea; sugar lumps, if needed for sweetness.

Prepare sterilising solution with Campden tablets. Make yeast solution to instructions on packet. Put in a small, sterilised and rinsed tonic-sized bottle. Put on saucer in case it spills over and place in warm place. Keep at 24C.

Make a small pot of tea and leave to stand. Put honey in saucepan. Add a gallon of water. Stir so that it doesn't catch on the bottom. Bring to nearly boiling point to kill all the wild yeast and other bugs. Remove scum. Simmer for 5min. Add ½ pt strained, cold tea. Leave for about 5½ hours to cool to less than 25C.

Add the yeast. Plus juice of the lemon and orange and ¼ tsp tartaric acid. Take specific gravity reading with hydrometer according to instructions — 1.04 is a good reading for a dry mead; a little higher for a sweet one. If too high, add boiled cold water to dilute. Sugar content of honey varies according to the source. Keep record of measurement.

Sterilise the demi-john and the funnel. Rinse. Place funnel in demi-john, strain mixture through filter paper. Plug the neck with a bung of clean cotton wool. Leave for two to three days at about 21C.

Boil demi-john cork (which has hole in it) for about ½ hour to make more pliable. Sterilise cork and fermentation trap. Take cotton wool out and wipe neck. Fill to 1½in below neck. If necessary, add boiled cold water to make up quantity. Fix fermentation trap into hole of cork and ease them into the neck of demi-john.

Put boiled cold water into the trap so that it is half full. Leave in same temperature as before for six to eight weeks, until no are bubbles showing in fermentation trap.

Decant into another sterilised and rinsed demi-john, using sterilised syphon. Fill to within 1½in of cork. Add one crushed Campden tablet to secure against spoilage and discolouration. Put in sterilised and rinsed cork. Seal. Store demi-john sloping, to keep cork moist, away from light at about 15.5C.

After at least six months, take reading of final specific gravity with hydrometer. Deduct from original score to find out alcohol content. Syphon into sterilised and rinsed bottles. Label and store at a cool temperature.

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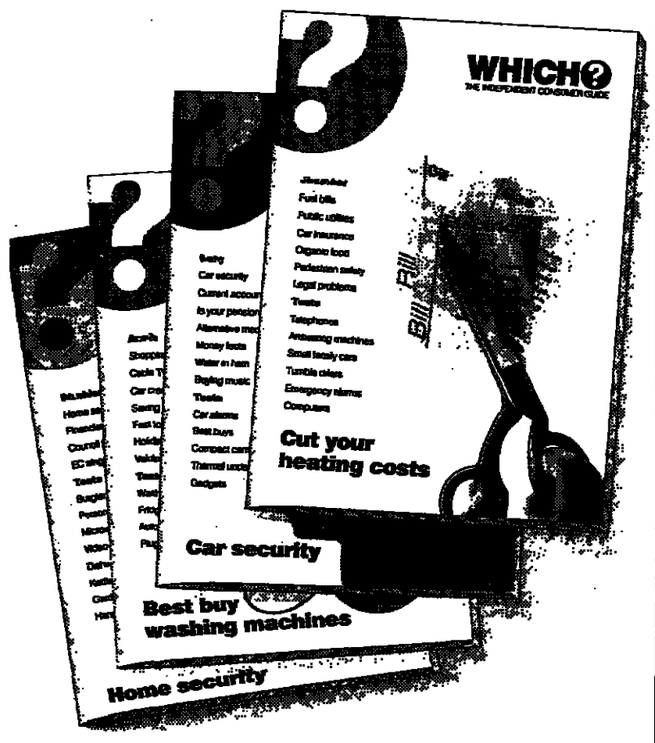

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The Wesley method with a throaty roar

Ruth Gledhill goes to morning service and reports on a more vigorous form of Anglicanism among Methodist worshippers

APART from the annual Methodist conference, my only previous experience of the Methodist church at prayer was at Wesley's chapel in City Road, London, when Margaret Thatcher was "in conversation" with the minister, the Rev Paul Hulme.

Asked if she considered herself Methodist or Church of England, the baroness said: "I was brought up to believe that John Wesley lived and died as a Church of England believer."

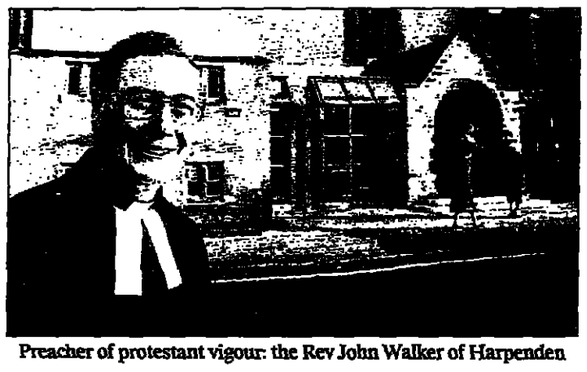
Visitors to the Methodist church in the High Street at Harpenden, Hertfordshire, will favour this view. If Wesley, the co-founder of Methodism, were to be resurrected and make his first pastoral visit to the town, he could be forgiven for believing that Methodism and the Church of England are still one.

Many in the congregation were Anglican, and in some senses the church fulfils many of the functions expected of a typical Anglican parish church. Geoff Mainwaring, one of four stewards, said: "I am an Anglican born and bred but I have been a Methodist 25 years. There is not much difference really."

The Rev John Walker was recovering from 'flu. "I come to you this morning courtesy of Lemsip, antibiotics, sheer, dogged will and the Holy Spirit," he announced throatily. Even so, his sermon was impressive. He led us in worship with all the protestant vigour that I had been led to believe was still extant in Methodism.

With a membership of more than 600, his church is one of the two biggest Methodist churches in the country. This was the third Sunday in Advent, and all the children were absent, preparing for their nativity play in an adjacent hall — although for much of the service I could hear them in the wings, like distant angels singing from on high. Even so the church, built in 1930 with seating for 500, was full to capacity.

Worshippers were friendly and earnest. Most appeared to take seriously Wesley's injunction to earn, save and give all you can.



Preacher of protestant vigour: the Rev John Walker of Harpenden

They included millionaires, leading bank managers, senior civil servants and captains of industry.

The stewards wore name tags, appendages which other churches could usefully copy. I was guided to a pew and handed the Methodist hymn book, *Hymns and Psalms*, the liturgy for morning worship, adapted from the *Methodist Service Book*, and a Good News Bible.

Somewhat unusually, the church has a robed choir, noted as one of the best choirs in Methodism, who led us through a succession of heartily-sung, well-known hymns. My neighbours in the chestnut wood pews were enjoying their own singing too much to notice when I hit the odd wrong note.

THE High Street church is one of four Methodist churches in Harpenden. Mr Walker heads a circuit of ten churches, which is one of 30 circuits in the London North-West District. A Methodist district is the equivalent of an Anglican diocese, although most cover a larger area.

We were celebrating the feast of John the Baptist, the outspoken prophet who was the inspiration for many of the early Methodist church leaders. Mr Walker called us to repentance. Because of his 'flu, he could not do it as thunderingly as he might have wished, but it was still effective. We reflected contritely on our sins of laziness, vanity and indulgences of the flesh: on habits of falsehood and uncharitable words; on our evil thoughts and lapses from faithful and religious practices.

Mr Walker led us in all this while we remained seated, our heads bowed. Earlier, I had been sad to learn that the congregation would not join in saying the confession, though they do so at Holy Communion, but after Mr Walker's admonition I no longer felt the need.

As we moved on to say the traditional version of the Lord's Prayer, with the "thou art", the "thy" and the "thine", I began to feel at home. This impression was completed when we joined the choir in the "Te Deum", to an evocative musical setting I had not sung since adolescence.

The prayers touched a chord: we prayed for the British troops in Bosnia and the US forces in Somalia; for the depressed and "those who find the prospect of merriment overbearing"; for "those who want to hide away"; and for the sick. We remembered a girl, aged three, who had collapsed in church the previous Sunday with a stroke.

Like many ministers around Britain, Mr Walker spoke in his sermon of how to celebrate Christmas at a time when so many had nothing to celebrate. "It is a sombre scene. Redundancy has hit this congregation during the last year. Not a few people have been deeply affected," he said.

His advice was to eschew consumerism and get involved. Many in the congregation were already committed to community life. "The people of Harpenden have enough about them to be creative non-consumerists," he said. "Let's go along the path of John the Baptist. Let's not be afraid to be different." Wisely, Mr Walker did not dwell on the fate of St John.

TED BATH

Devout congregation: taking seriously John Wesley's injunction

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Where would you stay?
In my house.

Who would be your perfect companion?
Ken Fleetwood, my chief designer, who has worked with me for 40 years; and my sister, Rosemary. She also has a house in the village.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
All are there. I wear only my designs and never buy off-the-peg clothes, except for tennis.

What medicines would accompany you?
All are there. Essential are Alka Seltzer; Potter's Stomach Mixture, which is soothing if you have eaten something that does not agree with you or feel unhappy because you have eaten too much; and Potter's Passiflora Elixir, which is a mild sleeping draught. Many sleeping pills are too strong and you wake up feeling awful in the morning: Passiflora, which comes from the root of the passion flower, is gentle and there are no after-effects. I'm keen on herbal remedies — not fanatically so, but I think a lot of them are useful.

What would you have to eat?
Chicory with tarragon, flambéd with calvados; John Dory à la Marseillaise (an Elizabeth David recipe); and prune jelly — all made by my cook.

What would you have to drink?
11.30am, kir after tennis. 12.30pm, vodka Bloody Mary after my bath. 1.15pm, Lindeman Australian chardonnay. 2pm, with cheese, Sainsbury's Vin du Dordogne (a mere £2.99 a bottle).

Which books would you take to read?
The Six Wives of Henry VIII, by Antonia Fraser.

What would you watch on television?
Nothing except *Talking Heads*, by Alan Bennett.

What film would you watch?
Anything by Richard Attenborough.

What music would you listen to?
Beethoven's piano trios, anything by Schubert and early Beach Boys.

Would you play any games or sport?
Tennis — men's doubles every Saturday and Sunday morning. I have a hard tennis court and play all the year round.

What luxury would you take?
A jar of caviare and a bottle of Bison Grass vodka.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
I could do with a Van Dyck.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
A chain-smoker.

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The Times, The Spectator, Country Life, The Oldie, Private Eye, Opera Now, The Garden and *Hortus*, which is a serious but charmingly written garden book to which I subscribe.

What three things would you leave behind?
Three pairs of underpants for washing.

What three things would you most like to do?
Sleep for seven hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

What souvenir would you bring home?
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Under starter's orders for the wedding march

The road to nuptial bliss is full of potholes. **Joe Joseph** offers advice for those contemplating the journey

Unless you share King Vidor's view that marriage is not a word but a sentence, then a wedding may well be something that crosses your horizon in life, if only as a mirage. But while it is certainly true that weddings can lead to diamond anniversaries, it is equally true that they are an absolute precondition for a divorce; an awkward alternative that can turn a rite of passage into a demand for right to trial by jury. And in-laws, like Christmas-present puppies, are for keeps. In short, a wedding is not something to rush into.

First, of course, you have to find a wedding partner, otherwise the whole day can leave you and your wedding guests feeling a little flat. You can track down potential spouses through friends, at the gym, or through your work, although it is smartest to find them rifling through their private Picasso collection.

Then there are a few basic questions you must ask yourself about a potential spouse before committing to marriage, such as will they clean out the wax from their ears/the bath after use/the joint bank account? Just bear in mind that more marriages survive dirty baths than dirt poverty, especially if you have a diligent cleaning lady who comes in and "does" three times a week.

Proposing can be tricky. Many young people get tongue-tied. They are too shy to ask for someone's hand outright. A direct approach can be avoided. For example a proposal by poem is romantic, and avoids eye-contact. But a useful rule of thumb is that proposing by letter, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope for the reply, may be just that bit too formal.

If all goes well, the next decision is where to hold the ceremony. This has tended to depend on the couple's religion or their atheism. Atheists are usually the more insistent on marrying in a church or synagogue. But there is a growing fashion for something more exotic. Scuba divers now like to tie the knot while swimming through a coral reef, clutching a waterproof prayer book. Mountaineers wed up Ben Nevis. Public relations executives may soon marry by issuing press releases that provide useful, quotable snippets about the couple.

Register offices are increasingly becoming the location of choice for wedding ceremonies, and not only because many people prefer the simplicity of a non-religious ceremony: while waiting for the marriage to take place, the couple traditionally cool their heels in a waiting room that on other weekdays serves as a gathering place for other members of the community needing council help. Thus the walls are papered with useful leaflets about divorce, sexually-transmitted diseases, marital counselling, how to cope with delinquent children, and other essential advice on married life.

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This quiet moment of contemplation can also offer one or both partners time to reflect whether it may not be best to jack the whole thing in and take up life in a celibate religious order: what such a cloistered life may lack in social zip may be compensated by never having to discover you have married someone who competes argumentatively from their armchair with contestants on TV quiz shows.

Then again, people who have just got married in a grand ceremony often remark that they felt slightly uncomfortable being the centre of attention, responsible for having forced dozens, maybe hundreds, of people away from ironing their socks or watching Saturday afternoon sport on television.

One solution may be to marry as a Moonie. At a recent mass wedding in Seoul's Olympic stadium, the Rev Sun Myung Moon asked 20,825 couples to affirm their marriage vows. It was the biggest mass wedding ever held by Moon's Unification Church, whose members feel lonely in groups of fewer than 6,000. Saying "I do" along with these 41,650 brides and grooms were a further 9,800 couples, in ten other countries, being simultaneously blessed by Mr Moon via live satellite link.

For those who like to melt into a crowd, this may be the perfect way to wed. One drawback for anyone who prefers to mull over a big personal decision is the Unification Church's habit of deciding which couples to bring together, after comparing photographs and potted biographies, and then launching them into married life together even though they may not speak the same language. Another hitch may be the difficulty of pinpointing your face in the group wedding snap.

While many people can afford a wedding dress and the hire fee for a Moss Bros morning suit, considerably fewer can run to a really sizzling celebrity guest list. The way round this setback is to track down the wedding arrangements of a socially more prominent couple from *The Times* Court and Social page, dress up in your wedding gear, bundle yourselves and a willing friend into a taxi, and arrive at the church just as the guests are emerging but when the couple being married are still trapped inside with the vicar, signing the register.

Now mingle with the crowd on the church lawn. When you are certain that Liz Taylor, Robert de Niro and Paul Newman are standing in a chatty knot right behind you both, casually toss some rice (uncooked) into the air and get your friend to unsheath his discreet compact camera and take a rapid snap. The effect of this sudden movement will be to make Liz, Bob and Paul look straight at your friend's camera lens as they try to work out who you are and what the hell is going on. But when the film is developed and printed at Boots, it will seem that these three are not only seeking to participate in your wedding joy, they are even trying to muscle in on all your souvenir photographs.

Even if you have vaulted the hurdles of how to propose and where to tie the knot, there is still the headache of how to advise guests of what you would most like to receive as presents. In some countries, like Japan and Greece, money (but not credit cards) is the usual gift. In Britain, those invited to a wedding traditionally like to be alerted to a menu of wedding gift information in the form of a wedding list lodged at a posh store. This is not because they necessarily wish to buy anything from the list, but because it affords at least three evenings of keen amusement as you guffaw at the risible taste of relatives and friends and wonder how on earth it was that they managed to conceal for so long their anxious yearning for His & Hers bathroom scales.

Many people wonder if weddings are an outdated way to punctuate your life. Just two points to consider before you banish weddings to the graveyard of British customs such as weekly archery practice on the village green and Labour governments. Without weddings there would be no pre-marital sex. Weddings also lend an elegance to the colour white that it would lack if it were associated only with sugar, bait, corpuscles and lies.

On the threshold: atheists are usually more insistent than the devout on getting married in a church or synagogue

A second trip down the aisle

Divorcees can remarry in church

With the separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the remarriage of the Princess Royal, the Church of England's position on remarriage has once again come under scrutiny.

Many people believe that, once divorced, they will be unable to marry again in the Church of England using the church marriage service. Often the couples opt for a blessing in church, after a register office wedding.

The church still holds that marriage is a lifelong union, indissoluble save by death. A 1957 act of convocation, which has been reaffirmed by the General Synod, opposes the remarriage of a divorced person in church if his or her former partner is still living.

Under secular law, however, it is up to the clergyman to decide whether he will perform the marriage ceremony or not. Clergy act as registrars at marriage ceremonies. Most would not remarry a divorced person with their former partner still living if their diocesan bishop was opposed, but the synod has given its sanction to clergy who remarry divorcees in church with the bishop's permission.

Speculation is now mounting that the issue could return to the synod's discussions before the end of the decade.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, chairman of the church's Board for Social Responsibility, believes that the church should be free to remarry divorced people in some circumstances.

Opposition to marrying divorcees in church is centred in the traditionalist Anglo-Catholic and evangelical wings of the church. It is these same people who are strongly opposed to women priests. If the ordination of the first women priests, probably next year, is followed by a mass exodus from the Church of England, the way would be open for the church to adopt a more liberal position on remarriage.

RUTH GLEDHILL

Echoes of revolution

The Royal Armouries' Civil War exhibition opens in Cirencester today

The Royal Armouries' travelling exhibition of civil war arms and armour, whose tour has been sponsored by *The Times*, opens today at the Corinium Museum in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, where it will coincide with the 350th anniversary of the town's capture by Prince Rupert, the dashing royalist cavalry commander.

Cirencester, like most of the wealthy merchant towns in the west, had declared strongly for Parliament as the argument between Commons and king moved towards open hostilities in 1642.

On February 2, 1643, King Charles I's nephew, Prince Rupert, arrived at the town at the head of an army of perhaps 4,000 to 6,000 men. The defenders were probably heavily outnumbered. John Paddock, keeper of archaeology at Corinium Museum, estimates that they may not have been able to count on more than 1,000 soldiers.

The engagement, originally joined at 10am at Barton Farm on what is now Earl Bathurst's estate just outside the Roman town, was over as dusk fell at 4pm. Once the royalists broke through the improvised defences the town's fate was sealed. The cavalry stormed through the streets, past the present museum's front door and into the market-place. The royalists killed 300 parliamentarians in the scrap, took 14 colours, seized five pieces of artillery and recovered 3,000 muskets, many of which may have been stockpiled in the town.

Twelve hundred prisoners, including the vicar, the parliamentary civil governor, Fettiplace, and Colonel Carr, a Scots soldier of fortune and veteran of the 30 years war who had brought professionalism to the parliamentary side, were herded overnight into the parish church, and then force-marched to the royalist stronghold at Oxford.

The town was ordered to pay £4,000 toward raising a regiment for the king, and fined £3,000 for its disloyalty.

The following September, the parliamentary commander, the Earl of Essex, having raised the royalists' unsuccessful siege of Gloucester, descended on Cirencester at dead of night and sacked the town, but, pursued by Prince Rupert, the parliamentarians hurried on, eventually to be overhauled at Newbury, where the armies fought what was virtually a draw. Cirencester then remained in royalist hands until after the battle of Naseby.

To complement the Royal Armouries' travelling exhibition, which includes more than 60 prize items from the collections of England's oldest museum, the Corinium Museum, has arranged an exhibition reflecting the Civil War's local repercussions.

The exhibits include two hoards of coins and one of silver spoons, which were concealed by the townspeople to save them from the soldiery, and, among contemporary pictures, copies of Van Dyck's portraits of Charles I and his queen, Henrietta Maria, made for local gentry.

The Royal Armouries' Civil War exhibition remains at the Corinium Museum, Cirencester, the last venue on its tour marking the 350th anniversary of the war's commencement, until March 28. It is hoped that it may attract as many 10,000 visitors to add to the 80,000 who visit the museum each year.

ROBIN YOUNG

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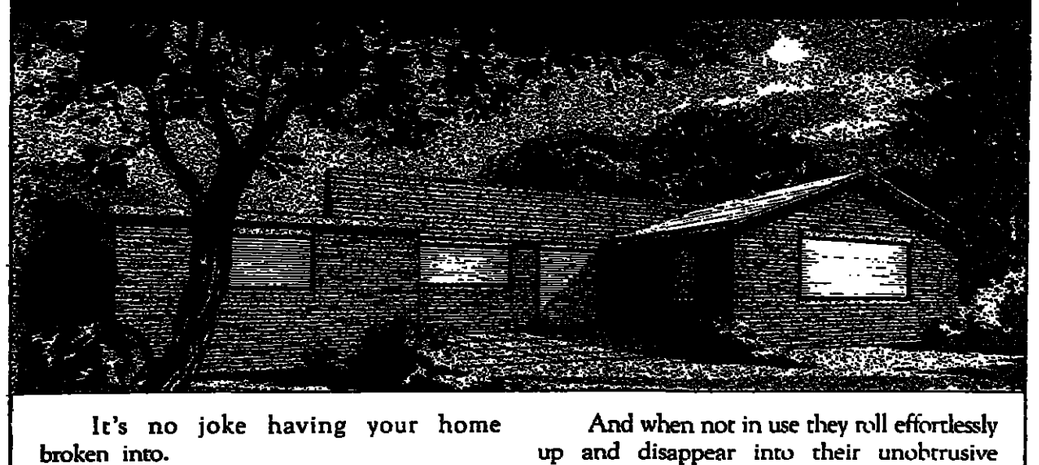

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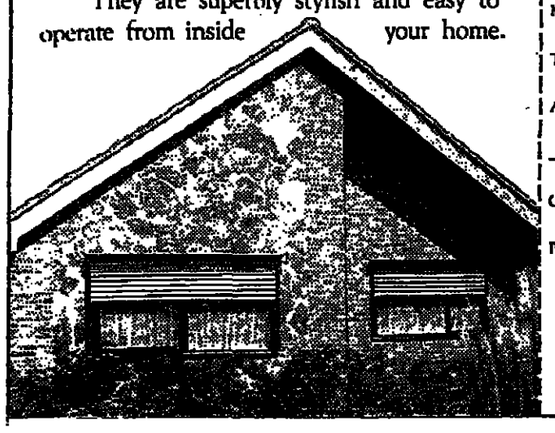

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Late love in the shrubbery

Francesca Greenoak admires two handsome and undemanding shrubs flourishing under a dusting of hoar-frost in her local high street

I came late to an appreciation of shrubs. For many years I concentrated on trees and herbaceous plants, ignoring the subfusc area in between. Then the guelder-rose on the edge of an orchid meadow near us caught my attention, with its lovely pointed, maple-like leaves and glistening berries.

This started off a delightful passage of discovery: cut-leaved elder, with its dark, lacy foliage; the hydrangeas, first the climbing *petiolaris*, then the lacecaps and mopheads. One by one, through the deliciously scented repertoire of the viburnums, shrub roses and the white-bloomed *Rubus* Tridel, I made my amorous progress. Some I now grow, others for want of space I must be content to buy for friends or to admire in other people's gardens.

In our local high street, recently, my eye was drawn to two handsome and undemanding shrubs which are absolutely lovely for winter days. The bushy *Viburnum tinus* and a catkin-hung *Garrya elliptica* caught my eye during a spell of crisp cold, when they were iced with hoar-frost. A few days later, after the thaw, when the weather was clammy and grey, the flowers of the viburnum still looked perfect.

These varieties cannot be compared to pink and white *Viburnum fragrans* and *bodnantense* for fragrance, but *tinus* is evergreen, and if you bend your head close to the blooms, and breathe warmly on them, you can catch their sweet scent.

We have grown *Viburnum tinus* in Britain for more than four centuries. The naturalist-gardener Gilbert White of Selbourne esteemed them and often mentioned them in January and February journal entries.

William Marshall, an 18th-century contemporary, liked their boldness "at a time when other flowers and trees shrink under oppressive cold", although he perhaps over-stated the case, for they tend to scorch in harsh winds. The minimum temperature is usually reckoned at about minus 10C/14F, although they are generally hardy in sheltered positions. They tolerate town conditions much better than most other evergreens.

I like shapely specimens in pots, but one has to remember that pots of plants outdoors are vulnerable to icing of the roots in cold weather and should be dragged into shelter.

The *Viburnum tinus* should grow to a metre in height and spread in five years or so, doubling size in ten years, and again by 20 years old. The popular cultivar "Eve Price", which has red buds and pinkish-white flowers, is smaller, growing to about two-thirds the size of the species; the similar-sized "Gwenllian" has smaller leaves.

Viburnum tinus is recommended as a hedging plant (it rejuvenates quickly if pruned hard in early spring) but I never saw the grey-green garrya used in this way until I noticed it outside our local library, making a neat hedge against its south-facing entrance wall.

The chief ornament of this shrub is its long, grey-green winter catkins. I have seen it grown as a wall plant and as an open-grown shrub in a sheltered place; it can be pruned or not as necessary. The shiny, leathery, slightly crimped leaves, with their downy-grey undersides, are extremely distinguished. It looked quite magical, thickly laced with morning frost, and showed no sign of damage when I inspected it a few days later, although cultivation descriptions of it always warn that it may succumb in very cold winters.

Daphne odora is another shrub that looks handsome at this end of the year, with its deep green, shiny foliage setting off neat heads of tiny, pinky white flowers. Cut a few small branches for the house, and the scent from the flowers will fill a room. Like so many shrubs, these are expensive but they will layer readily and usually take from cuttings.

Most Daphnes, evergreen and deciduous, like lime-free soil with good drainage and they need to be kept away from chilly winds. It's worth positioning Daphnes and the other shrubs I've mentioned close to your house so that they can be seen during the winter: a few good-looking evergreen shrubs will give the garden post-herbaceous structure and tempt you outside.

STEPHEN MARKESON

Winter wonder: gardener Kevin Milne shows off the *Garrya elliptica* at Kenwood House, Hampstead, London, with its long, grey-green catkins and shiny, leathery leaves

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Fuchsia "Hidcote Beauty"

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- *Inspect stored fruits and vegetables for decay.*
- *Continue pruning and tying in raspberry canes and canes of hybrid berries, taking them back to within 5cm/2in of the top of the support wires.*
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Alan Coren

Taking pen to inky squid

THE other evening, I found myself looking at what appeared to be a tiny broken bagpipe. It was leaking. It was, furthermore, leaking something black, and, furthermost, lying in what it was leaking. None of this would have mattered much had I found myself looking at it in, say, a gutter or hospital pedal-bin. I should merely have shuddered and walked on, but what I found myself looking at it in was a dish. The dish was on a table in front of me, flanked by knives, forks, and spoons; in short, all the accoutrements required if what you were going to do with a tiny broken bagpipe was not shudder and walk on, but eat it. Not that there was any if about it. I was a guest. The tiny bagpipe had been cooked by my hostess.

All the other guests had one, too, and they were uniformly thrilled by them.

"Oh, wow," they cried, "squid!"

"*Stuffed* squid," they elaborated, "oh, wow!" "In its own ink!"

"Oh, wow!"

I looked at mine. I gave it a little prod with my fork. Ink ran out of it. Though not a *household name* where marine biologists foregather, I know why the squid has ink in it. It is so that it can squirt it out to put off predators attempting to eat it.

It works.

Not, mind, that it seemed to bother the others. They could not wait to tuck in. They sliced off the tentacles, they sectioned the body, they spooned up the ink, to choral yummings and oohings punctuated by brief autobiographical solos about how they'd always wanted to cook squid, it looked so *wonderfully* marbled, but they'd never dared, were they alive when you bought them, how did you kill them, how did you clean them, how did you stuff them, how did you find out how to . . .

My points exactly, as a matter of fact; though not, with me, uttered ecstatically, just brooded on internally. As, indeed, they had been with the first course, *shorba*, when everyone had shrilled, oh wow, isn't this that fantastic Yemeni marrowbone soup, yes it is, oh what's it called . . .

But I had managed to get that down all right. I had succeeded in persuading myself that wherever the marrow had been extruded, it was unlikely to have been from camel bones. I didn't think you could buy camel bones in Barnes. I would have heard. There were little fibrous lumps floating about in it, mind, that could have been goat, possibly hare (I looked up the recipe when I got home), but I managed to corral them under my reversed spoon, and I don't think anyone noticed.

Or, whatever happened to bread and butter pudding and salmon mousse?

Now, do not *misinterpret* all this gustatory whingeing: I am no culinary philistine, I have tied on the bib at many an ethnic bistro and not shrunk from having a cockshy at the arcane, even when I have not had the slightest idea what *yukyuk* or *bugatti* were and the patron lacked the bilingualism to convey. I have probably eaten wild toad in a wart sauce and held up my plate for more. I may even have been asked on the drive home whether I liked the stuffed nostril and not stopped the car to throw up. It is not a question of squeamishness over this exotic dish or that, only one of suspicion and unease when faced with the ambitions of the amateur. For while it is one thing to order tiger stew from an Ulan Bator restaurateur with three rosettes in the Mongolian Michelin, it is quite another to have it ladled out before you in Stoke Newington by an English ophthalmologist whose hobby is deciphering oriental cookbooks.

And there is a lot of that about, these days. The British — released from the esculent restraint by both the Elizabeth David watershed and the immigration of countless entrepreneurs carrying woks, pasta-makers, clay ovens, *bains-marie*, fondue sets, spice-mills, and all the rest, and bent under sacks of enigmatic herbs, vats of curious oils and liquors and yoghurts, and unfathomable lengths of dried animal — have become the acolytes of a hundred different cuisines, eager not merely to patronise the myriad professional establishments but, God help us, to emulate them to the best of their domestic ability.

A best which is not always good enough. While I applaud the ambition to cobble a *yasaino nimono* or a *cocida madrileño*, I have to say that admiration has too often wilted at the first forkful to leave me with anything but doubt concerning the frenzied competitiveness which currently holds the middle-class dinner-party circuit in thrall. I used to motor forth of a Saturday night thinking, good-oh, she's bound to kick off with that terrific salmon mousse of hers, hit us with a roast saddle of lamb to follow, and bring up the rear with a bread-and-butter pudding that would have Anton Mosimann putting the Sabatier to the wrist, but I do not think that any longer, these days I think, oh hell, she was talking about Uzbek cooking when we met at that dinner party where I had to spit the bits of birds' nest into my napkin, I bet she's going to give us stuffed head of something after the larch-leaf purée, and he never stops going on about being something of a fromoisseur, ha-ha-ha, he's probably found this amazing dog's cheese which you have to wash down with emulsified arrak, I shall no doubt be on my back in Bart's tomorrow with a "nothing by mouth" placard gummed to my drip.

It isn't just the cooking, either; it is the trust one is required to have in what went on before they got to the cooking, which is why, when that other evening someone asked how you cleaned a squid, I had a long pull of the Meursault and tried to think about something else. God knows what there is inside a squid. I remembered once watching *poulpeurs* preparing to market their catch on the Marseilles waterfront: they killed the squid by sticking their thumbs in the beaks and turning the bodies inside out, whereupon they chucked the entrails back in the sea, because there were poison sacs inside. Had my Barnes hostess known enough to do that?

I wasn't sure. So I just ate the tentacles. Phew, I said, when the plates came to be collected and an eyebrow raised itself over my little legless bagpipe, that was one big squid! Do you know, I couldn't manage another bite.

● *From next week, Alan Coren will appear in* The Times *on Wednesdays opposite the letters page.*

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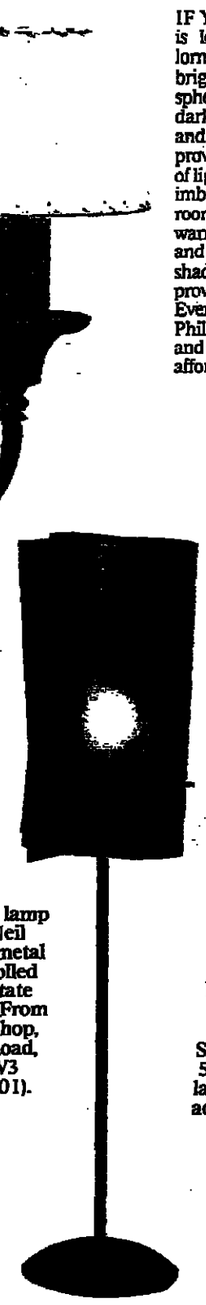

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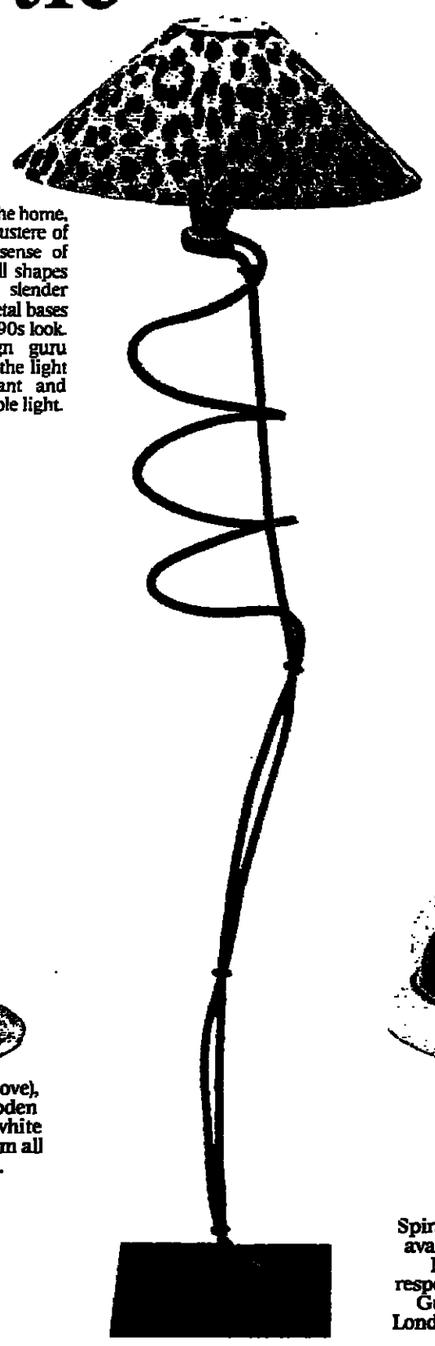

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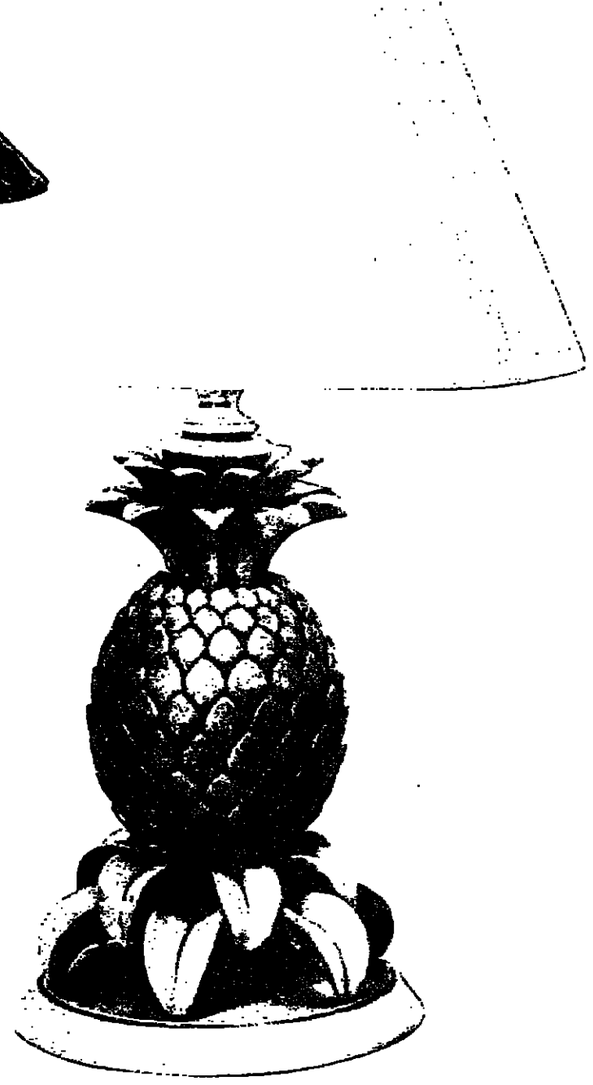

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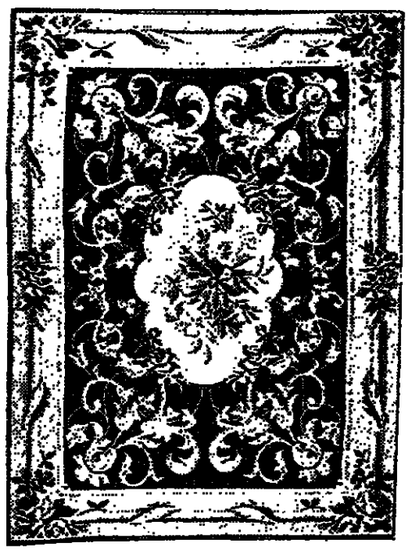

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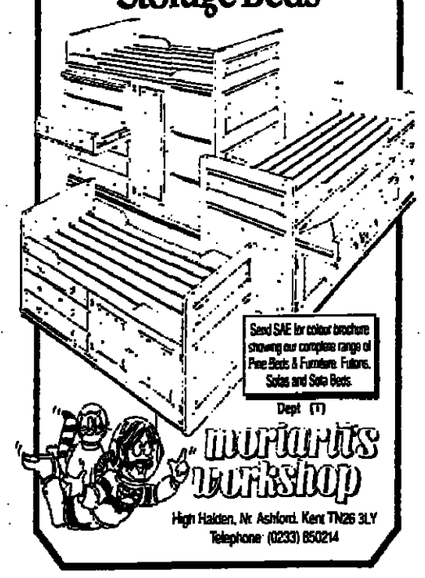

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SPORTING LIFE

Have you read any good maps lately?

The actor Nicky Henson has, he tells Penelope Denning, every time he takes to the woods to go orienteering

Thirteen years ago Nicky Henson found himself a "Saturday father" or, more precisely, because he was a successful West End actor, a "Sunday father", and was faced with the weekly challenge of how to entertain two energetic boys, then aged nine and 12.

"You spend your life thinking of things to do, something that won't spoil them but that they will look forward to," he says. "I had never heard of orienteering until Joe, my youngest, saw something on *Blue Peter*. I dutifully rang Kidsline, the children's information service, who gave me the number of my nearest group, which happened to be the Middlesex Orienteers.

"The thing that immediately appealed to me about orienteering is that it isn't a fitness sport. It's not about speed. The winner is the better map reader, or rather the person with the better map memory."

Orienteering is the shanks's pony equivalent of point-to-pointing. It's map reading with intelligence; navigating for the landlubber. Whereas even a love-sick teenager realises that the quickest route across a river is via a bridge, it takes an experienced map reader to work out that the best way across a valley may not be down and up but round the rim.

"Although obviously the idea is to complete the course as quickly as possible, orienteering is not a first-past-the-post sport. You're let loose at intervals. Only when everyone has finished do you find out how you've done, so you don't get a chance to feel downhearted."

Proof that you have completed the course is obtained by punching a special card at the various strategically placed "controls".

"You don't have to visit the controls in any particular order," Henson says. "Part of the skill is looking at the map, knowing how difficult the terrain is and planning: thinking I'll do this one first, then that one, avoiding that fence, avoiding that valley, taking that ridge.

"You get to recognise clues for the landscape. As it happens, I wasn't a bad map reader to start with — I had done it at school in the Corps. But for Joe and Christian it was a great way of learning to visualise a place just by looking at a map. A very valuable skill."

Apart from sharp wits, the essential piece of equipment is a compass. It's all too easy in a wood, for example, to lose one's sense of direction. "Needless to say, they don't make it obvious. You have to be very precise. The control is usually just a stick in the ground which you could pass within a few feet of and miss."

As with any sport, there are different levels and standards of difficulty. The youngest official class is for under tens and the oldest is for over 70s. The easiest courses cover not much more than a mile, but serious adult orienteers should not expect to put their feet up before covering six or eight miles.

The majority of orienteers compete individually, but an advantage for those with small children is that orienteering, which began in Sweden, also allows family teams. "You work as a unit. One reads the map, one takes compass readings, and so on. It was a perfect way of combining fresh air, competition and just being together. And we had a ball doing it."

Events organised by local clubs are generally very informal and visitors are always welcome. Meetings tend to take place on Sunday mornings or weekday evenings in the summer, anywhere from the larger London commons or local beauty spots to the national parks.

Whatever the level — local, national or international — the rules are the same. The clock starts and the next competitor to go rushes to the master map and as quickly as possible transfers the information about where controls are to be found on to his or her personal map. Then, before you can say Anneka Rice, it's up and away.

"Obviously the less you have to stop and look at the map the better, so it is important to develop a good map memory. Certainly as a beginner you tend to make for an obvious point, something that is visible from where you are. A hillock, or a church, say.

"Eventually, you get better at judging just where controls have probably been put. The one thing you do learn very quickly is that the straightforward way to the control is usually not the best. There's sure to be a stream or a fence or a clump of bushes that you can't get through. It's all part of the fun."

For the seriously fit, orienteering offers the challenge of navigating over complex and rough ground while running at speed. For the less keen, or less agile, it's a painless way of staying fit and exploring parts of the countryside you might otherwise never get to see. It's also cheap as sporting activities go. Entry fees for small local events are usually around £1, half that for juniors.

In addition to local events, there are about 150 permanent orienteering courses around the country run by the British Orienteering Association, which provide a pressure-free introduction. Just buy an information pack and map, usually available locally, and set off at your own pace.

Henson is the first to admit that he is not terribly competitive. "The sports I like best are those where you're really competing against yourself, like swimming and snooker. The great thing about orienteering is that it's as difficult and as competitive as you want to make it.

"And I must admit there's a certain amount of gamesmanship, especially if you do it as a family at the level we did, like pretending you haven't found the control, or even laying a false scent for others by pretending you have. All thoroughly frowned upon by serious competitors, of course."

Joe and Christian are now grown up, but Henson also has five-year-old Kenton (by his second marriage to former Royal Ballet principal dancer Marguerite Porter). Does he intend donning his anorak and trainers again to initiate his youngest into the secrets of map and compass?

"Absolutely. Beats the Natural History Museum any day. I don't know if orienteering is in the Olympics, but it should be. It's a jolly good sport."

● *British Orienteering Federation, Riversdale, Dale Road North, Darley Dale, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 2HX (0629 734042). Membership of individual clubs varies; family membership is about £20 a year, junior about £3, senior about £15. The specialist magazine is Compass Sport, 25 The Hermitage, Eliot Hill, London SE13 7EH (081-852 1457). Kidsline is on 071-222 8070.*

They went that way: Nicky Henson with his sons Kenton, aged five, and Christian, 20

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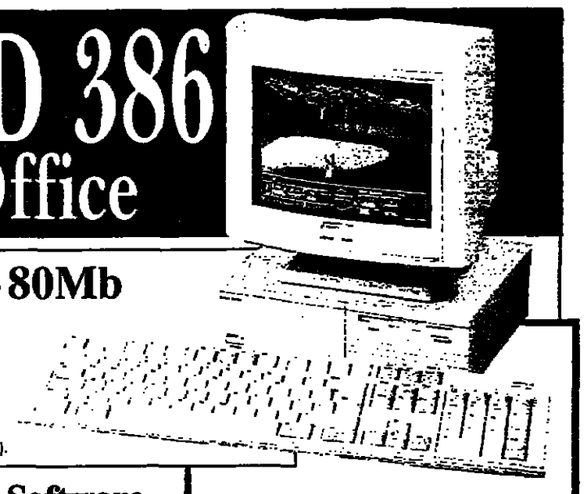

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WEEKEND BREAK

In the golf shoes of the great

Cliveden offers a lordly welcome and much more than just a round of golf

JULIAN HERBERT

After spending a frustrating and frosty winter's afternoon hacking round the golf course, there can be few more uplifting sights as a damp dusk settles in than the twinkling lights of Cliveden.

While many a nineteenth hole swills in fizzy beers, limp ham sandwiches and a sea of monogrammed turtle necks, the former stately home of the Astors offers more subtle delights. Cosseted, claret glass in hand in front of one of the house's vast roaring fires under an oak panelled ceiling, it became easy for my brother John and me quickly to forget a round which would tax the most powerful supercomputer.

Indeed, surrounded by oil paintings, including one by John Singer Sargent of the formidable Nancy Astor in a strikingly haughty pose, it is almost possible to believe one has entered a time machine.

Could the approaching footfall be that of the novelist Henry James, prime minister Sir Winston Churchill, or another of the house's former famous guests, stopping by for a quick natter and a peanut?

The earls of Buckingham, Sutherland and Orkney may have long departed and the Astor family may have handed the place to the National Trust, but Cliveden has escaped becoming a stuffy museum piece where visitors can merely gaze at fusty furnishings and cordoned-off rooms from a long-gone age.

Stately: Cliveden was host to politicians and potentates

Under the eye of Nigel Taylor, the manager, and his staff of 100, the mansion murmurs to the quiet chat and laughter of paying guests, the swish of heavy drapes, the tinkle of decanters and clinking of coffee cups.

Heritage purists may balk at the idea of the trust allowing one of the nation's treasures to become a sumptuous 28-room hostelry, but Mr Taylor counters such views with a quote from the late Earl of Stockton, the former prime minister Harold Macmillan.

On being told by an astounded associate that Cliveden was to be turned into a hotel, the earl replied: "But, my dear boy, it always has been."

The advantage of Cliveden for a golfing weekend is its cluster of courses, including the world famous Sunningdale, many of which are an easy drive away.

The house, which is on the Berkshire-Buckinghamshire border, is also easily accessible from London, and Heathrow airport is about 15 minutes away by car. Lambourne, the nearest course and one for which Cliveden can arrange green fees, is about three miles away, down country lanes.

Unlike many such new ventures, which invariably sport pigmy trees and shrubs, Lambourne has mature trees and hedges. The fairways may still await the careful tending of time, but the course designer has carved out stylish tees, elegant greens and fiendish water hazards. A makeshift clubhouse has been erected, but Bon Newman, Lambourne's director of golf, says a new, elegant building will be ready early this year.

Clearly not everyone is beating a path to Cliveden merely for a weekend round of golf. The guest book reveals that many visitors are apparently Americans or honeymooners with more than 1st pitch and putt on their mind.

For such gusts there are romantic walks, including strolls in the 375-acre grounds among Roman sarcophagi, terrapin-adorned fountain, rose garden and memorial garden.

Downstairs at Cliveden, Waldo's restaurant offers a candlelit, bistro-style atmosphere and a recently awarded Michelin star. The food is *nouvelle* but its contrasts neatly with the meats, which have a gamey, English flavour.

There is an outdoor swimming pool, as well as squash and indoor tennis facilities. Cliveden's stable block has been turned into an exercise centre, bristling with about £40,000 of high-tech rowing, running and fitness machines.

The hotel is keen to bury its former reputation as an awayday for would-be lords and ladies and be very rich. Mr Taylor says they now offer a special night rate of £155 per person. This assumes a minimum two-night stay but includes dinner, house wine and full use of sporting and leisure facilities.

For those unaccustomed to hand-and-foot service, the attentiveness of the staff can also require some behavioural adjustments. Trying to speed away to meet the tee-off time, my brother appeared to be straining to carry his bag to the car. A quick glance revealed that he was carrying along not only his luggage but also one of the porters, determined fully to meet his job description.

NICK NUTTALL

Nick Nuttall in action

Where to be at tee time

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ng the family to distraction, via Sainsbury's

WHAT TO WEAR

Where do Saturday and Sunday disappear to when you have to keep the children amused? Peter Brown, chauffeur, shopper and entertainer, ponders the mystery

Few families can be so fully equipped for a traditional weekend as mine. We possess, for example, a compendium of board games of every kind: draughts, chess, backgammon, snakes and ladders, ludo, halma and spillikins, whatever that is.

In the sitting room there is a fire, which roars, if skilfully goaded. It squats there, waiting for humbug wrappers to be tossed at it, or cats to be toasted before it. We have two sets of cards, two sets of grandparents and a flush of children. Our musical instruments include a piano, plus a book called *60 Great Hits from the Victorian Music Hall*.

Should the weather be fine, we are always ready for a game of football, cricket or rounders. Frisbees, kites, you name it, our cupboards are clogged with it.

Only two ingredients are required to put this familial machine into motion: time and inclination. The former is the one that most often eludes us, just at the weekend when you would think it would be there in plenty. But nothing can buy time. Indeed, if time could be bought, we would have to shop for it on Sunday mornings, cramming it in somewhere between Sainsbury's and sorting out the cellar before lunch.

Saturday mornings *chez nous* are invariably spent at the wheel. My own shift begins at 9am with a drive to Paddington for the Suzuki violin class, where an energetic teacher puts the parents through a callisthenic routine to variations of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star".

Meanwhile, our daughter is driven by my wife in the opposite direction for her ballet class. Merely getting her dressed for that takes 20 minutes. In the middle of this, our elder son is playing football for the school; the pitch is about 15 minutes away by car in a third direction. All these activities naturally call for a degree of parental involvement, so timing is crucial. Road works, parking problems, even ice on the windscreen can scupper a weekend before it has left harbour. Getting lost is not allowed. A prospective London cabbie need only spend a couple of Saturday mornings with an average parent and he will have "the knowledge".

Saturday afternoons are spent either ferrying children to parties (picking up presents on the way and wrapping them with one hand on the steering wheel) or in a queue at Peter Jones, buying school shoes.

Parents of children who ride, belong to chess clubs, play tennis or are tutored will recognise the Saturday chauffeur syndrome. Parents of teenage children have the added burden of the Saturday night taxi service. Parents of babies are protected by nature from what is about to hit them.

For those like us who both work, the weekend is a black hole into which time is sucked and disappears, telescoping and distorting all around it. What should be a window of renewal often leaves you more tired than when you started. Weekends are fundamentally entropic.

Take Sunday lunch. The laws of nature state that Sunday lunch shall always last one hour longer than planned, ending just too late to allow a walk. Why? Because the supermarket, which has replaced church as the spot to bump into people you know once a week, obeys the same law.

There are also certain other laws working against you, viz: the children will not want to go shopping; the children will not want Sunday lunch, at least not the one you are making (they will want pizza). The children will not want to go for a walk. They may want to play football or go to the swings, or fish — anything rather than a walk — but there will be no time left anyway, after the traditional family Sunday afternoon argument.

What they really want to do, in fact, is watch television. Here the parent faces a dilemma. If you let them goggle for a couple of hours in the morning in return for a lie-in, how can you exert any moral pressure later on? If, come the afternoon, it is a choice between a cosy game of ludo and *The Big Match*, you know which box they will opt for.

Please don't imagine that I resent these activities; it is just that they rule out anything we might want to do ourselves. My inclination might be for the new exhibition at the Hayward; theirs will be for the Museum of the Moving Image, downstairs. Mine might be for a Sunday afternoon on the common with a kite; theirs will be for lying on the carpet with the Game Boy. And what chance does Whipsnade have against Sonic the Hedgehog?

Of one thing, though, you can be sure. The weekend when you are so zonked that all you want to do on Sunday is to get horizontal and slightly drunk will be the weekend when they want to put their boots on and cover half the Ridgeway, or go for a bike ride, or play serious Scrabble, or start a game of Monopoly that will last safely past bedtime.

After all, daddy, other families do it all the time, don't they?

ABOVE

Antonia wears blue jumper with flag, £125, Hackett, 137-138 Sloane St, SW3. Blue jeans, Next Directory (0345 100500). Martyn wears red Pepe jeans, £37.99 (for stockists, 081-459 1277); corduroy shirt with suede elbow patches, £85, Ralph Lauren, 143 New Bond St, W1. Georgia wears sweatshirt and dungarees from a selection at Baby Gap, 146 Regent St, W1.

LEFT

Martyn wears red corduroy shirt, £85, Ralph Lauren (as above); blue jeans, £32.99, Next directory (as above); red suede loafers, £195, Gucci, 32-33 Old Bond St, W1. Antonia wears red Sydney sweater, £175, Marion Foale, 14 Hinde St, W1; blue jeans £32.99, Next Directory; black suede boots to order from Jimmy Choo (071-249 2082). Georgia (smaller child) wears white shirt and dungarees from a selection at Baby Gap (as above). Kirsty wears blue Levis, £36.50; white shirt, £21.95; red cardigan, £29.50; all from Patrizia Wigan, 19 Walton Street, London SW3.

RIGHT

Georgia wears cream knitted tasselled jumper, from a selection at Next retail. Jeans from a selection at Baby Gap (as above). Martyn wears cream Aran jumper, £45, Boden (071-608 3230); blue Levis, £32.99, Next Directory (as above); blue suede shoes, £195, Gucci (as above). Antonia wears cream chenille jumper, £219, Marion Foale (as above); blue Levis as above. Kirsty wears cream chenille jumper, £49, Marion Foale.

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Growing art of make-believe

Parents as well as children can unleash their hidden talents at weekend theatrical workshops. **Jane Bidder** reports

Learning to dance Indian-style seemed a strange weekend activity for an Iranian mother living in Britain. But when Mina Alvandi's eight-year-old daughter egged her into taking part in a family workshop at the Commonwealth Institute in west London she was intrigued enough to go along for a second session.

"Indian dancing uses various hand movements and, although I wasn't very good at it, my daughter was delighted to see me singing and clapping," she says. "If a parent goes along, they can explain the background to a child."

Later this month, ringside seats are also available for six-year-olds upwards at a workshop entitled "Chinese new year traditions, legends and stories" to be held at the Commonwealth Institute from February 3-5. For the price of £1.76 each, children can learn the art of storytelling and acting out legends.

"Children love watching parents joining in," says Trish Bain, who is in charge of the institute's performing arts and events. "At an acrobatic workshop, the children roared with laughter at their parents spinning plates and inter-acting with other ages and nationalities. We have also held voice workshops, at which families learn to sing."

The institute has been running Sunday afternoon workshops at subsidised rates for the last three years. Elsewhere, weekend music and drama workshops for children are held in theatres, community centres and libraries, and are becoming the arty thing to do.

The Watermans Arts Centre in Brentford, west London, holds a Saturday morning club for nine-year-olds upwards and an afternoon session for five to eight-year-olds (price £30.75 for a ten-week term). The curriculum includes drama skills such as improvisation, design, costume and make-up. "We often begin with theatre games to work on their imagination," says Kenneth Michaels, an actor. "In the Rule Game, one child goes out of the room and the rest of us decide on a rule to be obeyed. The child then comes in, asks questions and works out what the rule is."

Mr Michaels also asks the children to act out their dreams, or he provides the first and last line of a sketch and asks the children to improvise the middle bit.

Mr Michaels says he has watched many a shy child gain self-confidence. "One 12-year-old boy who came to us 18 months ago was initially intimidated by the girls, but now he is wonderfully confident in a non-arrogant way."

Not all drama workshops work so well. Judy Brooks, a television producer, whose daughter Jessica has been going to the Watermans centre for more than two years, nearly gave up at one stage because "it became too repetitious and not challenging enough". Mrs Brooks advises parents to check that the workshop is not just an excuse to play tag.

Variety is one of the keys of the Straitjacket Theatre (for 13 to 20-year-olds) held in Norwich Arts Centre every Saturday afternoon. For 30p, Shiralea Drewett, who runs the workshop (funded by Norfolk's Youth and Community Service), teaches mime, improvisation and encourages her group of 14 girls and two boys to write and put on their own plays. Examples include a send-up of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, in which Snow White was a man rescued by a princess.

Fun is a vital element for Stagecoach, a Saturday drama school which holds workshops every weekend (and during the school holidays) in 15 nationwide centres ranging from Kent to Derby. "We cover drama, speech, dance and singing for six to 16-year-olds," says the founder, Stephanie Manuel, a dancer and stage manager. "We have speech games, and we learn stage techniques such as not turning your back on the audience. Twice a year we put on shows for the children's families and friends."

Stagecoach sessions are not cheap, at £13 for three hours, but they are popular: membership currently totals 640 children, including a seven-year-old girl who has just won a part in *Carmen Jones* at the Old Vic. But Mrs Manuel insists that stardom is not the main aim. "Children love to act: it gives them great confidence which can last for life."

● *Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, TW8 ODS (081-847 5651). Stagecoach, 28 Pool Road, West Molesey, Surrey KT8 2HE (081-783 0778). Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 6NQ (071-603 4535). Straitjacket Theatre, Reeves Yard, St Benedict's Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR2 4PG (0603 660387).*

Events

LONDON

☐ **Pinocchio:** Musical version of the story, cleverly staged and well acted (excellent characterisations of The Fox and The Cat).
Unicorn Theatre, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 3334), until Jan 24; Sat 11am and 2.30pm. Sun 2.30pm. £4.50-£7.50.

☐ **Children's workshop:** Jonathan Boxfield invents and illustrates a story with London as a backdrop (for seven to 11-year-olds). The Museum of London's current show *Artists' London* addresses the theme of the "Big City".
Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (071-600 3699), today, 2.30pm. Free to museum ticket holders.

☐ **Jo-Jo the Melon Donkey:** A 50-minute play, set in Venice, tells of Jo-Jo's harsh treatment by his owner Alfonso and how some timely braying saves the citizens from drowning.
Olivier Foyer, National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Today, 10.45am, £4.50.

☐ **The Wizard of Oz:** Competent staging, steering clear of pantomime frolics, resembling the movie version rather than the book (six to adult).
Polka Theatre, 240 The Broadway, SW19 (081-543 4888), every Saturday until Feb 6, 2pm and 5.30pm. £7.

☐ **The Three Billy Goats Gruff:** Rod puppet show with music and songs for under six-years-olds.
Puppet Theatre Barge, Little Venice, Blomfield Road, W9 (071-249 6876), every Saturday at 11am until Feb 28. £3.50, £4.

☐ **The World of Peter Rabbit and Friends:** A temporary foyer exhibition exploring the metamorphosis of Beatrix Potter's watercolour drawings into the new £5.5 million animated television series of the same title. The National Film Theatre will screen the first three episodes on Jan 16, 17.
Museum of the Moving Image, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3535); opens Fri-Apr 30; free. NFT screenings, Jan 16, 17 at 4pm; £2.75, £3.95 plus 40p day membership (which includes 4 people).

☐ **The Three Little Pigs:** Stop the Clock's urban version: three pigs dream of leaving their tower block and moving to the countryside (for four to nine-year-olds).
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000), today, 11.30am and 2pm.

OUT OF TOWN

☐ **Cambridge:** Exhibition that looks at how folk and fairy tales from different continents have been passed down through the generations.
Cambridge and County Folk Museum, 2/3 Castle Street (0223 355159). Continues until Jan 17, Tues-Sat, 10.30am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm. 50p, £1.

☐ **Glasgow:** Bold and colourful staging of Kipling's *The Jungle Book*.
Citizens, Gorbals (041-429 0022). Continues at various times daily until Jan 23. £3-£8.

☐ **Hull:** *Innocence and Experience* exhibition explores the history of images of childhood over 400 years in 60 paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures by British artists.
Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square (0482 593912). Today, 10am-5pm, tomorrow, 1.30-4.30pm; free admission.

☐ **Leicester:** Julia Bardsley directs a cast of four adults and three children in *Frankenstein*, the Gothic tale that spawned a thousand movies. Some nudity in the show (not recommended for under-12s).
Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Continues until Jan 16 at various times daily. £4-£8.

The Pied Piper in Norwich

☐ **Mold:** Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*, with music and lyrics.
Theatr Clwyd (0352 755114). Continues at various times daily until Jan 23. £5.50-£9.

☐ **Norwich:** A superbly atmospheric and eerie production of Andersen's *Snow Queen*, continues in the main theatre (for over fives); and in the studio, *The Pied Piper* (for under fives). Also puppet making workshops on Wednesdays at 12am (£3.50).
Norwich Puppet Theatre, St James, Whitefriars (0603 629921). Snow Queen: Sat, 10.30am and 2pm, until Jan 30. £3.50, £4.50; Pied Piper: Tues-Fri, 11am, until Jan 29, £2.50.

☐ **Southampton:** *Sinbad's Arabian Nights* with stunts, glitter and, apparently, a full 40 thieves.
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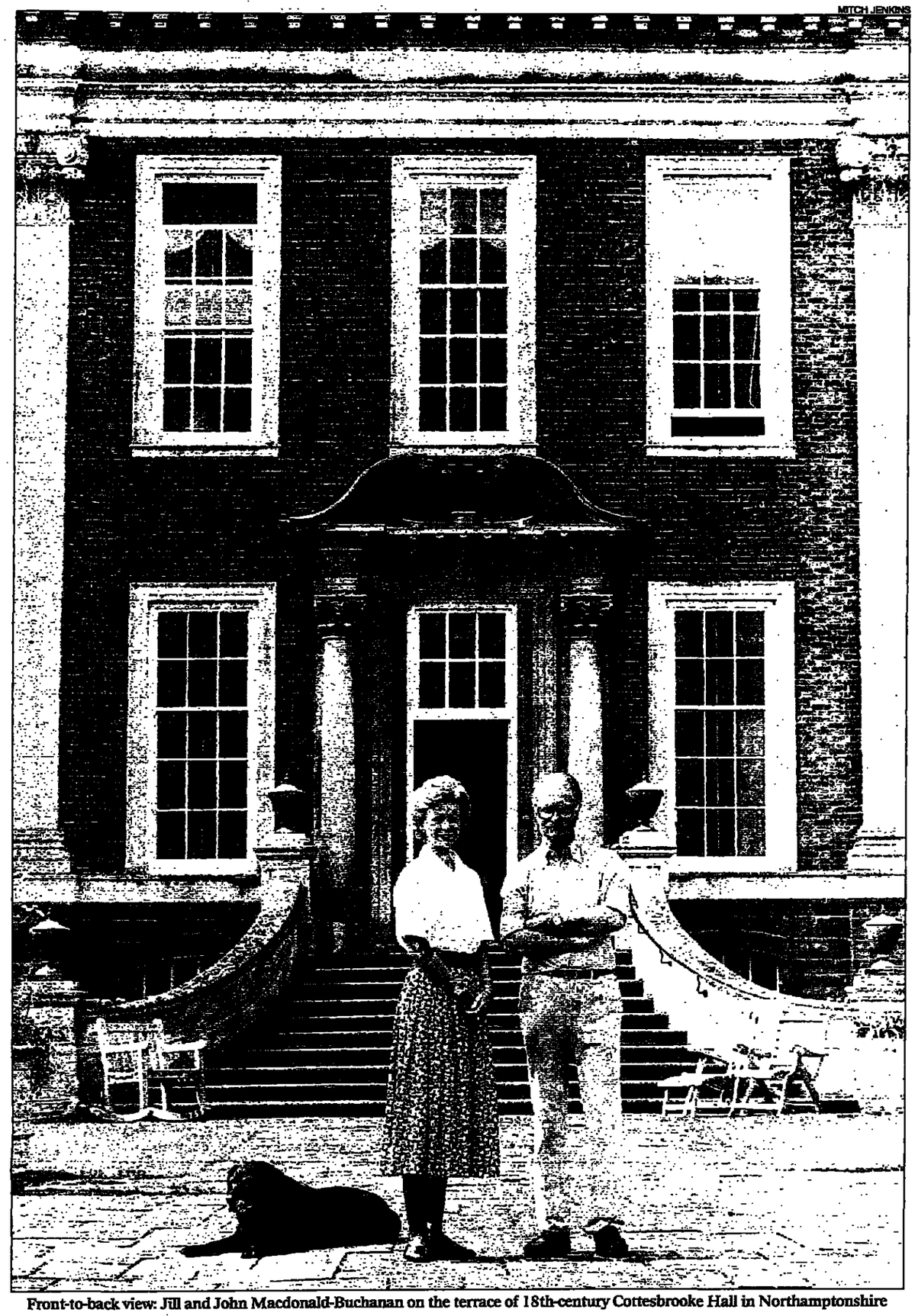

MITCH JENKINS

Front-to-back view: Jill and John Macdonald-Buchanan on the terrace of 18th-century Cottesbrooke Hall in Northamptonshire

Home from home: John and Jill Macdonald-Buchanan

Sporting art life of a whisky man

On first meeting, John Macdonald-Buchanan reminds one of a fox: there is a certain fierceness of expression, a wariness about him that encourages one to approach with due care and regard for his sense of what is private and what is more or less public — the magnificent house in Northamptonshire he has inherited.

Sadly, there are no feisty black and white terriers in his ménage to symbolise the fact that he is an heir to the Black & White whisky fortune, but perhaps that would be too trite, so black labradors and grey lurchers must suffice.

His expression eases into geniality when it becomes apparent that the house is to be the subject of the interview, and as a tour of the family's amazing collection of sporting art unfolds, so too does its owner.

Cottesbrooke Hall has been undergoing refurbishment for two years. A new roof was needed when he inherited the house five years ago, after the death of his 94-year-old mother. Dry rot needed rooting out, and a new heating system had to be installed. Now that the house is ready for a new phase in its life, the Macdonald-Buchanans have moved from the nearby Old Rectory in Cottesbrooke village, where they lived while the work went on, swapping places with his 30-year-old son, Alastair Macdonald-Buchanan, who is his father's farming partner.

The family also have a flat in Belgravia and a stud in Sussex, but no ancestral land in Scotland, as one might have expected. "My brother has all the land in Scotland, vast tracks of hills in the northwest. My children love to go up there," he says, leaving one with the impression that as far as Scotland goes, he can take it or leave it.

Then one thinks of those paintings in the house, by Munnings, Stubbs, Marshall and Landseer, and realises that a passion for horses is probably the controlling force of this former chairman of the Jockey Club, and that such a passion requires the lush green of England's racecourses, and the 4,500 rolling acres of Cottesbrooke, with its lovely gardens and extensive views along avenues of trees.

He gestures towards a newly planted avenue stretching almost to the skyline, where the Saxon spire of Brixworth church thrusts into the sky. "I've just planted those limes, in my father's memory," he says. He points out several now-sizable trees he planted 35 years ago. "It's like scoring a century at Lord's to see them fully grown."

The inheritance of Cottesbrooke, which is regarded as a Queen Anne masterpiece for its perfect baroque façade, came about through his grandfather, the whisky distiller James Buchanan. His father, Reginald Macdonald, added his name to that of his wife, Catherine Buchanan, who was the only child of the Victorian distiller, who later became Lord Woolavington. A philanthropist and enthusiastic sportsman, Woolavington started the famous collection of sporting art, which rivals that of Paul Mellon in America.

> Cottesbrooke is regarded as a Queen Anne masterpiece with its perfect baroque façade

The house was built by the Langham family, starting in 1702. Some important additions were made later but otherwise it remained untouched until the years between the world wars, when Lord Gerald Wellesley, the architect, was brought in by the new owners, the Macdonald-Buchanans. Wellesley "turned the house around", with a new front entrance, leaving the old front door as a garden entrance (above), with its country views undisturbed by driveways or cars.

It is on this façade and terrace that Malcolm Pollard, a Northamptonshire sculptor, has worked, adding huge stone urns below, which overflow with flowers, and the smaller urns that top the house.

Jill, Mr Macdonald-Buchanan's second wife, finds their life very different from the years they lived in a farmhouse in Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire. "But it's not much different in atmosphere," she says. "Cottesbrooke, though very large, is a happy, busy house, bending to our needs. Houses cannot remain in the past and still stay alive, and the occupants cannot tailor their lives to any particular house, allowing it to dominate." She says this with a sweep of her hand that takes in the dragged walls of their comfortable, private, peach sitting-room.

They retain only this one room on the ground floor for their own use, together with the first and second floors of the house. The other rooms on the ground floor are open to the public on Thursdays and bank holidays, as are the gardens.

"The Historic Houses Association is our trade union," Mr Macdonald-Buchanan says, adding that they gave a Constable to the National Gallery in lieu of inheritance taxes — "so that's why we're here; also, I feel people should be able to share things". And there are plenty of things to share.

Apart from paintings, there are collections of china, a curving, wrought-iron staircase, elaborate rococo papier mâché decoration up the walls of the hall, the pine-panelled drawing-rooms, and the memorabilia connected with the Empress of Austria, who rented the house on several occasions so she could hunt with the "Red Earl" Spencer, one of the Princess of Wales's most colourful ancestors.

Then there are the horses — in bronze, oil, china, watercolour and practically every other media. There are paintings of his grandfather's Derby winners, Coronach and Captain Cuttle; his parents' famous Owen Tudor. His father was master of the Pytchley hunt; his son is joint-master of the Quorn.

The bane of his life are the Jane Austen buffs who persist in believing that Cottesbrooke was the setting for *Mansfield Park*, even though it is generally accepted that the house in Austen's novel is a composite of several country manors in which she stayed.

Mr Macdonald-Buchanan has three children from his first marriage, and he and Jill have two daughters. The youngest, Lucy, aged 19, lives at Cottesbrooke. "I'm surrounded by women," he grumbles in ritual protest.

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Unlike Britain, the Italian residential property market is healthy. Rich Italians from the prosperous north are pouring money into bricks and mortar, particularly on the Italian riviera, where Italians compete with foreigners for seaside villas. On a recent visit to Imperia, the olive oil capital of Italy, with its charming old town and bustling port, I saw queues of potential buyers at estate agents' offices.

The British market for riviera property is small, because the area is not promoted outside Italy to any great extent. The Germans are there, the Swiss, and a few French. It was the British, however, who made the Italian riviera fashionable 100 years ago. The rugged crescent of coast linking France to Tuscany, stretching from Ventimiglia to Portovenere, with its beautiful palm-fringed beaches and gardens, backed by old fishing towns and vine-clad hillsides, was once *the* place to pass the winter.

Sheltered by the Maritime Alps, this part of Italy enjoys a mild winter climate. Known as the "riviera of flowers", here irises and carnations thrive even in February, and oranges, lemons, palms, olives and vines grow in profusion.

Property prices in the area are not cheap, but compared with the French Riviera and over-ripe parts of Tuscany and Umbria, homes here offer better value for money.

Seaside towns, such as Bordighere and Ventigmiglia, close to the French border, have been British enclaves for more than a century. In Ventigmiglia, a two-bedroom flat in an elegant block, with sun terraces and views over the old town and the sea, is for sale at £120,000.

Prices slip further east. Modern, two-bedroom seafront flats between Imperia and Savona can be had from £80,000.

Some of the best buys are to be found in the hills above Imperia, around the medieval village of Dolcedo, the centre of the best olive groves in the region. An old village house, partly restored, with two bedrooms, kitchen, modernised bathroom and a small garden, costs about £42,000.

There are also apartments, with balconies and sea views, a mile or so inland from £41,000. Large detached villas, with terraced gardens and olive trees, cost from £95,000 to £220,000.

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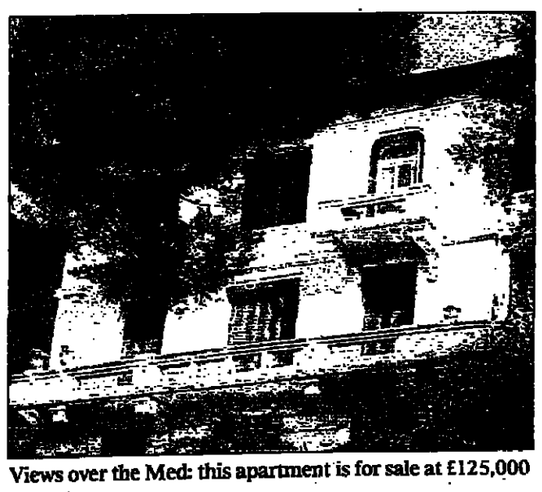
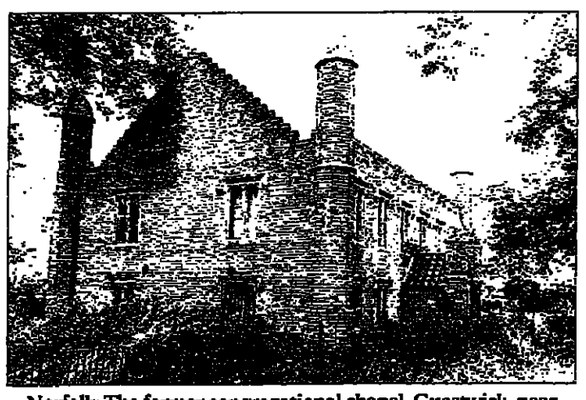


Views over the Med: this apartment is for sale at £125,000

Scotland: Mainhill Cottage, Mainhill Farm, St Boswells, near Galashiels. Four-bedroom cottage and adjoining self-contained one-bedroom holiday flat (fully modernised). Overlooks open countryside; attractive rear garden. The cottage is £59,000: the flat £21,000 (contact GA Property Services, 0896 58387).

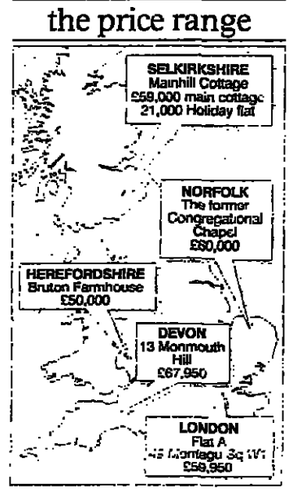


Norfolk: The former congregational chapel, Guestwick, near Reepham. Planning permission has been granted for the conversion of this Grade II listed 17th-century chapel to a five-bedroom house, set in an acre of land in an unspoilt rural position. About £60,000 (contact Savills, 0603 612211).

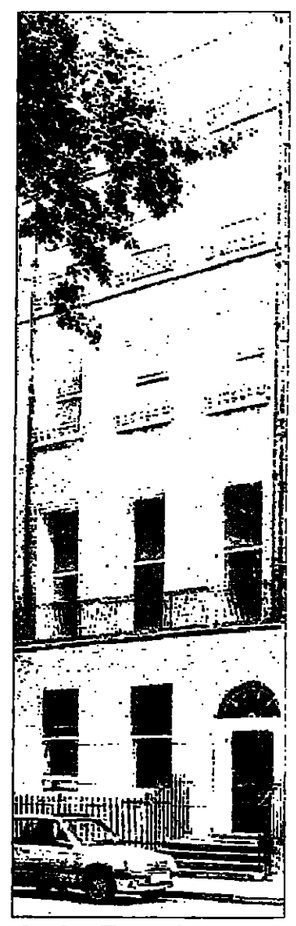
Herefordshire: Bruton Farmhouse, Boxwood, near Lyonshall. Part-timbered 16th-century cottage for renovation, with outbuildings and half an acre of land. Three reception rooms, utility room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. Price £50,000 (contact Knight Frank & Rutley, 0432 273087/9).

Cheryl Taylor finds five very different properties near the bottom of the price range

FOR SALE about £60,000



Devon: 13 Monmouth Hill, Topsham, near Exeter. This pretty maisonette is situated in the older part of the former seaport, overlooking the estuary of the River Exe and the Haldon hills. It has a good-sized sitting room, newly fitted kitchen, two bedrooms and a modernised bathroom. No parking space or garden. About £67,950 for a 999-year lease (contact Fulfords, 0392 875057).



London: Flat A, 49 Montagu Square, London W1. Lower ground floor studio flat in a well-maintained period building in a leafy Georgian Square close to Oxford Street. Building society repossession. Entrance hall, large studio room, fitted kitchen and bathroom, with central heating. £59,950 for a 61-year lease. Service charges £350 a year; ground rent £200 (contact Keith Cardale Groves, 071-495 2494).

Competition answers

IN the Buyer's France quiz (December 26), readers were asked to identify the *départements* in which we pictured six properties for sale. The first prize: a Brittany Ferries Channel crossing for two, plus car, worth up to £500. The answers, and UK agents:

1 **Gers** (The French Property Shop, Wadhurst Road, Mark Cross, East Sussex TN6 3PB: 0892 852449).
2 **Lot** (Sifex, 86 Fulham High Street, London SW6 3LF: 071-384 1200).
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4 **Haute Garonne** (*Latitudes*, 14 Pipers Green Lane, Edgware, Middlesex HA8 8DG: 081-958 5485).
5 **Maine-et-Loire** (Rutherfords, 25 Vauxhall Place, London SW6 1AZ: 071-386 7240).
6 **Calvados** (Property France, Portview, Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 9EH: 0235 772211).

The first prize goes to P.F. Giddings, of Skeity, Swansea. Six runners-up will each receive a year's subscription to the magazine *France* (worth £28) and a copy of *The Blue Guide to France* (A&C Black, £16.99). They are: K. Ambrose, of Lincoln; Vicky Jones, of Bishops Cannings, Wilts; N.P.W. Podolier, of Reigate, Surrey; R. Stanley, of Teddington, Middx; Timothy Ball, of Cyncoed, Cardiff; and Bridget Mitchell, of Chippenham, Wilts.

Pretty good flamingos

A famous blend of raunchy pop and sex appeal takes David Sinclair back to the heady days of *Ready Steady Go*

Brightening up the neighbourhood: Manfred Mann in 1964, when they were among the first groups to put a little rock into pop

ROCK RECORDS

Like the Yardbirds, the Animals, the Hollies, the Move and so many other great British bands of the 1960s, **Manfred Mann** came romping out of the traps with a succession of fondly remembered hit singles, but eventually fell at the hurdle of making a decent album. Combining musical credibility with a breezy charm, and boasting in Paul Jones the sexiest singer of the lot, the Manfreds were tailor-made for that transitional era when songs were supposed to pack a vaguely bluesy, rock 'n' roll punch yet still be bright and easily hummed — the period when pop was being transformed into rock.

Their legacy is celebrated on a new compilation which goes by the cringe-inducing title, *Ages Of Mann — 22 Classic Hits Of The 60's* (Polygram TV 514 326). Opening with the fidgety burst of their first hit "54321" — fondly remembered as the theme tune of *Ready Steady Go*, the only watchable pop television show of the day — the album roams through a catalogue steeped in nostalgia. From the sleek economy of early triumphs like "Do Wah Diddy Diddy" and "Pretty Flamingo" (linked by their common bird-watching theme), through to the more convoluted whimsy of "Semi-Detached, Suburban Mr James" and their final hit "Raggamuffin Man", there is hardly a track that does not stir some memory, and only three songs which take more than three minutes to do it.

But despite all the rose-tinted recollections of the 1960s, it was in reality a time of cut-throat competition and rapid burn-out for the bands themselves. Even the most established among them were uncomfortably aware that either a substantial hit or else a rapid slide into obscurity was never more than a few months away. The Manfreds kept ahead of the game for longer and tried harder than most. They sometimes played in awkward time signatures, witness the tortuous arrangement of "Ha! Ha! Said The Clown", which it took the band a nightmarish recording session lasting nearly 24 hours to master. And they studiously cultivated a "special relationship" with the works of Bob Dylan, sailing up the charts with serviceable pop versions of his songs "Just Like A Woman", "Mighty Quinn" and "If You Gotta Go, Go Now".

But they lacked any significant songwriting talent of their own and they never achieved the gravitas necessary for their music to survive the passage of time unscathed. As the group's bassist and guitarist Tom McGuinness recalls in the sleeve notes, "When we recorded [these songs] we imagined that they would have a shelf-life of a few months and then — like yesterday's papers — they'd be forgotten." Perhaps this explains the nagging impression that, for all the bright moments on this album, the whole amounts to slightly less than the sum of its parts.

Green On Red have never come within sniffing distance of a hit single and probably never will, but the country rock band from Tucson have so far released nine albums, at least two of which must rank as classics of their kind. *No Free Lunch* (released in 1985) and *The Killer Inside Me* (1987) are not them, but the combination of both albums on one CD, *No Free Lunch & The Killer Inside* (Mercury 514 187), together with four additional tracks, previously only available as B-sides, makes this an extremely attractive reissue package.

Captured at the height of their hick, garageband-cowboy phase, the sound is dominated throughout by Dan Stuart's strangulated vocals and Chuck Prophet's elegant guitar twang, painting between them a dark picture of their spiritual homeland, a place where "the west was really won (with) plenty of cheap labour and the mighty gun". The sound may be low-rent in places, but the attitude is never less than heroic.

Handel casts his spell

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Why should any modern audience, fed on the instant excitement of Romantic opera, bother itself with Handelian oratorio? There is no action, only reaction to narrated events, and whether one looks at a work such as **Judas Maccabaeus** as trumpeting the cause of Judaism or as a piece of contemporaneous political propaganda (it celebrated the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie at Culloden), the whole premise seems outdated.

But **Handel** has an uncanny ability to pull set piece after set piece from his capacious top drawer. Irrespective of religion or politics, nobody of any musical sensitivity could fail to respond to the lovely hymn-like air, "Father of Heaven", sung by the Priest — his only aria — at the opening of Act III, or to the magical scoring of the Israelitish Woman's lilting Act II air, "Wise men flatt'ring", imported from *Agrippina*, a piece conceived almost half a century before, via yet another oratorio, *Belshazzar*.

Or earlier in the same act, there is the touching cello solo, the enveloping lacrimose chorus, and the bewitching Purcellian ground bass of "Ah wretched, wretched Israel!". None of these examples involve the major characters, Judas himself and his brother Simon. They have their own characterful delights.

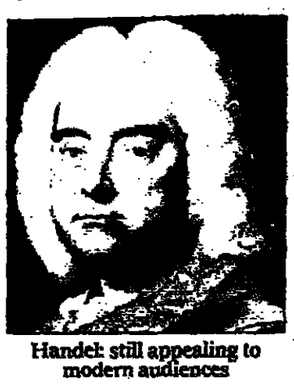
Robert King's performance with **The King's Consort** (Hyperion CDA66641/2, two discs) of the work which brought Handel's music within the orbit of the middle as well as the upper classes is beautifully balanced. King has a reputation for not imposing himself too heavily upon his singers: with the stylish and intelligent team assembled here that can only be an advantage.

Emma Kirkby, as the Israelitish Woman, shows exquisite sensitivity to sentiment and line; as in Handel's original production, her opposite number, the Israelitish Man, is sung by a woman, here **Catherine Denley**, an appropriately robust mezzo. **Michael George's** booming tones make for a commanding realisation of the part of Simon, while Judas himself is the youthfully ardent tenor of **Jamie MacDougall**. To my mind, however, King's trump card is the creamy-voiced countertenor of **James Bowman**, who turns the Priest's single aria into arguably the most intense musical point of the performance.

The orchestral playing is rhythmically springy, brightly coloured and carefully articulated, though never at the expense of spontaneity. There is also a vital input from the **Choir of New College, Oxford**, who sing Handel's wondrous choruses — including the celebrated "See, the conqu'ring hero comes" — with considerable flair.

The vast scope of Hyperion's catalogue has been further stretched with **Opera Restor'd's** first contribution (Hyperion CDA66608), taken from their repertoire of 17th and 18th century British stage music. The group has chosen pieces by **Charles Dibdin**, singer, librettist, actor, director, publisher, novelist, historian, painter, and — not least — composer of comic operas in the latter part of the 18th century. All three pieces, "The Ephesian Matron", "The Brickdust Man" and "The Grenadier", are unarguably light but deftly tuneful for all that. For the first two works **Peter Holman**, Opera Restor'd's director, has adapted Roger Fiske's instrumentations, made in the sixties; the last he has orchestrated by himself.

This record bristles with refreshingly unsophisticated humour. It opens with a winning pair of



Handel: still appealing to modern audiences

characters: the Ephesian Matron herself (Bronwen Mills), who engages, at first, in hypocritically pious and melodramatic mourning for her husband; and her pompous father (Andrew Knight). An ardent and chivalrous Centurion (Mark Padmore) and a wordly-wise Maid (Jayne Streeton, purveying a nice line in East End-flavoured patter-song) complete the cast of this the most substantial piece of the three.

Then there is the touchingly flirtatious simplicity of Molly (Yvonne Barclay) and John (Kevin West) in "The Brickdust Man", while the deceptive Jenny (Susan Bisatt), the initially but justly dubious Ralph (West again), and the soldier Tom (Andrew Mayor) make an infectiously rumbustious team for "The Grenadier". In both set numbers and recitatives the instrumental playing is unfailingly neat.

STEPHEN PETTITT

From drama to schmaltz

JAZZ RECORDS

The jazz suite is a curious form. Sometimes, as in the case of many of Duke Ellington's extended works, these loosely-bound collections of disparate themes take flight effortlessly. But more often than not they remain stubbornly earthbound, with no other rationale than the fact that some munificent organisation has stepped forward with an ample commission.

Harlem Renaissance (Limelight/Music Masters 844299), the live date by the octogenarian saxophonist-arranger **Benny Carter**, veers back and forth between the two categories. There is high drama at some moments, at others heavy doses of schmaltz. Carter comes out on top in the end, but it is a perilously close-run thing.

The double album consists of two suites performed by jazz orchestra and strings, plus a selection of half a dozen orthodox big band tracks. In the title piece, Carter pays his respects to the era of optimism and creativity associated with the Harlem of the Twenties. The second and considerably inferior work, "Tales of the Rising Sun", consists of heavy-handed oriental allusions, some of which might have been lifted straight from the soundtrack of a Charlie Chan film.

The strings prove to be a hindrance, as they often do in this type of setting. Luckily we can rely on soloists such as Frank Wess and Loren Schoenberg to give the over-formal proceedings a healthy kick in the rear. And Carter surely has no right to be playing with so much poise and charm just months short of his 85th birthday.

If John Lee Hooker can be rediscovered late in life, there must be hope of wider exposure for **Charles Brown**, the Texas-born singer-pianist whose rich vocal delivery conjures up mahogany draped in velvet and cigarette smoke. An early disciple of Nat King Cole, Brown enjoyed only moderate chart success and has flitted in and out of view of R & B enthusiasts for four decades.

A Grammy nomination greeted his last album, *All My Life*. On *Someone to Love* (Bullseye Blues NETCD-9514) we are back in after-hours territory on a set which features a smouldering guest appearance by Bonnie Raitt and a song "I Wonder How She Knows" specially written by Elvis Costello. Brown is at his most potent when he slows the tempo to the bare minimum and engages the listener in a wistful monologue. The faster numbers are less distinctive, but there is an unmissable sanctified finale — an organ arrangement of "I Don't Want to Get Adjusted".

CLIVE DAVIS

TV viewers in Hungary eagerly await a home-made mini-series which stars a British actor

Globe has realpolitik

Hungarian rapture: the British actor, Clive Wood, with his co-star, Dorottya Uduaros

Hungary is about to experience its first home-grown television mini-series — *The Globe* — and for Hungarian viewers, it will not come too soon.

Television watchers in Hungary have been having a particularly thin time since the medium in their country became a political battlefield. For two years, the government has failed to pass a promised law to regulate broadcasting in the new Hungary. And with an election in prospect, the opposition has accused the ruling party of various ruses to gain control of television.

Meanwhile, 40 per cent of broadcasting time is given over to political discussion, while drama production has shrunk to less than a quarter of the output in the "bad old days" of socialism. A home-produced soap on Channel 1 and a weekly sitcom on Channel 2 are successful but, says Gabi Prekop, the writer of *The Globe*, "nobody concerned seems to learn from this that you can appeal to people a hundred times more effectively through fiction, however bad or cheaply made".

Hence *The Globe*. "It is set in one of the hundreds of language schools which are opening in Hungary just now, and it is about a group of intellectuals trying to find their places in this new world of democracy and the harsh, unfamiliar demands of a market-oriented economy," she explains. "It tries to tell, in the most practical terms, what ordinary people feel and do in a country where everything has changed drastically. Forty years have to be forgotten, or coped with in a couple of years. It's a comedy, of course.

"Alongside the natives we have an outsider, a Scot, who, though generally at home with the essential human qualities of his new acquaintances, is at other times baffled by the after-effects of 40 years of artificial and false morality. He has landed up in The Globe because he wants to learn Russian while working in Budapest, and The Globe is perhaps the only school where he can learn this language which no one in Hungary wants to know any more.

"The complications begin when he embarks on an affair with his teacher, who happens to be the wife of the self-important principal of the school."

The Scot, who has to speak Hungarian, Russian and German in his role, is played by an English actor, Clive Wood. "I went through the latest BBC Enterprises sales brochures, trying to find a face that would fit," Prekop says. "And I picked on Clive, who had just starred in the BBC's *Dead Romantic*.

"He looked right. We wanted somebody good-looking. We wanted an attractive leading man for our attractive leading ladies. His agent sent us a demo tape and we knew he was right as an actor, too."

Wood's stage work has included Bottom at the Old Vic, Edmund and Lennox at the Royal Shakespeare Company and Henry V at the Bristol Old Vic. He admits to experiencing "sheer panic" about the prospect of three months working in a foreign city in foreign languages and impersonating a Scot. To his surprise, however, "there was no culture shock at all. It was just like working at home, except for the obvious language frustrations. Film crews are the same everywhere."

The writer and director, however, are not at all from the usual mini-series background. Each has worked with Hungary's most prestigious directors. Prekop is the regular dramaturg on the films of Istvan Szabo, and was associate producer on his English-language production, *Meeting Venus*. The director, Istvan Marton, has co-directed the recent films of Hungary's old master, Miklos Jancso.

"In its modest fashion, *The Globe* follows in Istvan Szabo's footsteps," says Prekop. "I first thought of the characters, and the story somehow wrote itself around them. I believe people want to recognise themselves on the screen, want to identify with the characters in the story.

"As director, Istvan Marton has brought a visual approach quite different from traditional styles of television drama. It really breaks down the barriers between film and television. Very much inspired by the Jancso style, scenes are filmed in a single long take. The camera moves; the actors move, creating the 'cuts' themselves.

"I am perfectly conscious that the series (and Clive) are aimed at a female audience," Prekop adds. "It's about women and addressed to women. That's another novelty in this part of the world, where feminism is an unknown factor."

DAVID ROBINSON

Something stirs in the confused waters

THEATRE

Waiting at the Water's Edge
The Bush

As we enter The Bush, the sea is noisily crashing in the wings, *Benedict Nightingale writes*. Moreover, someone has poured several gallons of briny on the rough, bare boards of the stage. This is Harlech beach in 1923: a place where, it turns out, two young women are about to have the sort of accidental yet fateful meeting every theatregoer enjoys. One of them, Su, is busybodying and friendly in a bubbling, gormless way; the other, Vi, is troubled, aloof, and a bit of a visionary, judging by the fey intensity with which she stares at the sunset. As the title of Lucinda Coxon's play suggests, both are at the water's edge, waiting for whatever plunge life will allow.

It is an observant, beautifully written scene, and there is a plenty of fine writing to follow, as well as much that is awkward and implausible. There is, however, little dip in the dramatic quality when the action cuts to the grimly genteel mansion where both girls have taken jobs as parlourmaids. Helen Anderson's Su grumbles behind the stiff and steely back of the matriarch who rules the house from her wheelchair. Suzanna Hamilton's Vi spends her spare time looking for an apotheosis beside a nearby river, and briefly seems to have found it in the form of the son of house.

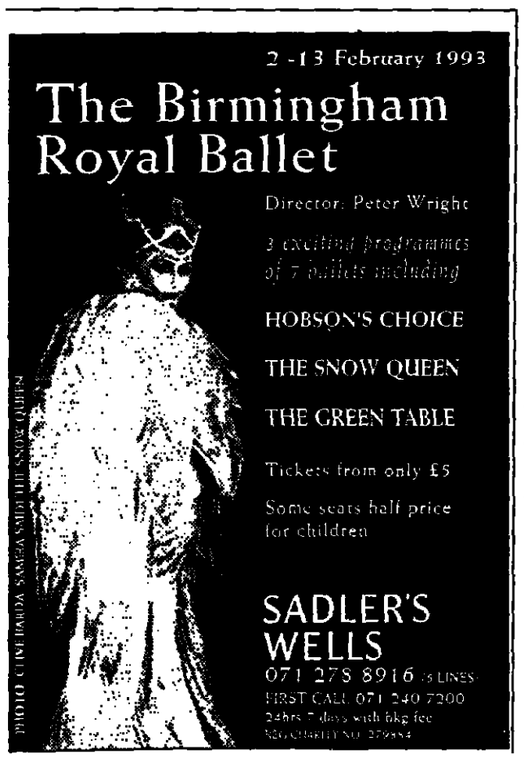
Now doubts intrude. Isn't Vi getting awfully wordy for a miner's illiterate daughter? When she tells Chris Eccleston's enraptured Will, "I want this to mean nothing, as if it never happened: it's only because things need an ending, I want it to be in the past" — well, isn't she talking like a character in a play that is becoming excessively interested in its own significance? But no sooner do such questions surface than poor Will is dead, killed when Vi throws him to the floor, and Vi has dressed up in his clothes and, accompanied by his body in a trunk, is en route to Canada to visit his family mines.

Well, Coxon has the imagination and originality to bounce us into believing a lot, but from here on the going gets harder. Coached by Will's ghost, the parlourmaid is transformed into a swaggering capitalist who proceeds to use killer-tactics to break a pit strike. This, it emerges, is her vicarious revenge on those in Wales who snubbed her father when he had the good fortune to avoid a mine explosion.

Such a motive would have taxed the credibility even if Coxon had prepared us more fully for it. As it is, Vi's story disappears in a confusion both of ideas and of dramatic style.

Not Su's, though. While her friend morally degenerates, she is unpretentiously befriending Will's sick mother and somehow saving her from both self-induced starvation and terminal nastiness. That makes for some good, touching scenes between Anderson and Amelda Brown, who plays the elderly anorexic; but something is missing. Coxon's play is always at its strongest when the two principals are together, and in Act Two they never so much as meet.

Never mind. Preposterous though the play often is, there is a keen young talent discernible. Moreover, Polly Teale's production offers some excellent performances, especially from Anderson and Hamilton. The one successfully conveys a toughness of spirit; the other combines vulnerability with aggressive self-absorption, no easy feat. The evening is worth it for them alone.



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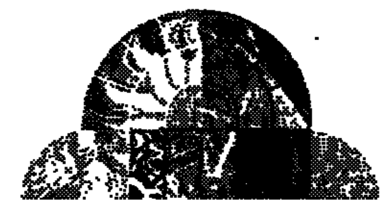

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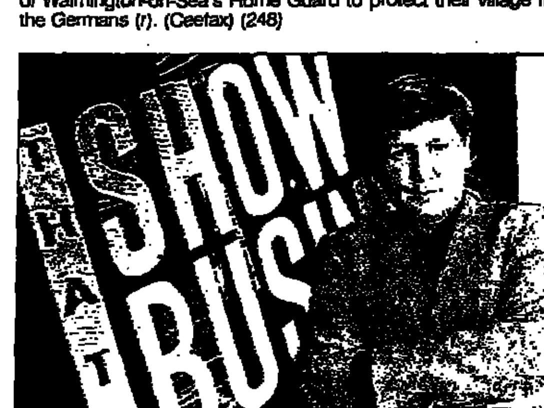
BBC1

7.00 Champion the Wonder Horse (b/w) (r) (4624267)
7.25 News and weather (1143915)
7.30 Henry's Cat. Cartoon (r) (8690373) **7.35 Wiz Bang.** Early morning fun (s) (9532080) **7.50 Litil' Bits.** Animated adventures of the forest pixies (r) (4835373) **8.10 Eggs 'n' Baker.** Cheryl Baker returns with a new series of the fast food show (s) (5332593) **8.35 Tom and Jerry.** Classic cartoons starring the infamous duo (2075170)
9.00 Going Live! Phillip Schofield and Sarah Greene are joined by javelin world record holder Steve Backley and Les Hill (s) (64028538)
12.12 Weather (6718967)
12.15 Grandstand. The line-up includes (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football Focus: Bob Wilson and Gary Lineker review the best of the *FA Cup* third round action; **1.00** News; **1.05, 1.40** and **2.10** Racing from Haydock Park: Arlington Premier Series Chase (1.15), Philip Cornes Handicap Hurdle (1.45), Mitsubishi Shogun Newton Chase (2.15) and from Leopardstown: Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle (2.25); **1.25** Ski-ing. Men's Downhill championship from Garmisch-Partenkirchen; **1.55** and **2.30** Table Tennis: England v France from the Bletchley Leisure Centre; **3.00** and **3.45** Rugby League: Live coverage of the second semi-final of the Regal Trophy; **3.46** Football half-times; **4.35** Final Score (89458606). Northern Ireland: 1.55-2.10, 2.30-3.00 World Cross Challenge Women's Race
5.15 News with Chris Lowe. Weather (6435118)
5.25 Regional news (2888660). Wales: (to 6.00) Wales on Saturday
5.30 Dad's Army. Vintage comedy series following the bumbling efforts of Walmington-on-Sea's Home Guard to protect their village from the Germans (r). (Ceefax) (248)



Challenging the celebrities: presenter Mike Smith (6.00pm)

6.00 That's Showbusiness. Mike Smith presents a new series of the panel game. This week he is joined by Michelle Collins, Pam Ferris, Norman Beaton and Andrew O'Connor. (Ceefax) (s) (489)
6.30 Noel's House Party. DJ Gary Davies receives his "Gotcha Oscar" from Noel Edmonds (s) (335151)
7.25 The Paul Daniels Magic Show. The diminutive magician introduces Red Ryder from Texas, the Hassani Troupe from Morocco and American Darwin Ortiz. With Debbie McGee. (Ceefax) (s) (594002)
8.15 Casualty. Realistic medical drama set in the accident and emergency department of a city hospital. Hywel Bennett joins the regular cast as a drunken driver who injures three pedestrians. (Ceefax) (s) (769880)
9.05 News and sport with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (671335)
9.25 Film: Memories of Murder (1990). Unconvincing thriller starring Nancy Allen as an amnesia victim with no memory of her husband or daughter, but able to recall the killing of an old friend. Directed by Robert Lewis (84474422)
11.00 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights of two of today's Premier League matches (s) (19828)
12.00 Film: Theatre of Blood (1973). Overcooked British horror comedy starring Vincent Price as an enraged actor who plots gruesome revenge on London's theatre critics. With Harry Andrews, Robert Coote and Jack Hawkins. Directed by Douglas Hickox (377132)
1.40am Weather (8025107)

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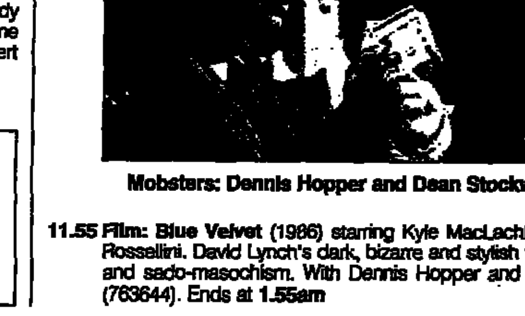
BBC2

8.00 Open University: Science Preparatory Maths: Algebra (4599083) **8.15** So You Want to be a Better Manager? (8582016) **8.40** Continuing Education: Me — a Student? (2070625
9.05 Film: The Man in the Iron Mask (1939, b/w). Superior swashbuckler in which the Three Musketeers set out to rescue the twin brother of the tyrannical Louis XIV. Directed by James Whale (93635422)
10.50 Made by Man: The cartwright (r) (7210286)
11.10 The Strange Affair of ... The Glastonbury Legends. Robert Symes looks into the eerie tales that gather around the mound of Glastonbury Tor (r) (6126538)
11.40 Shak the Red Fox. Film following the fortunes of the eldest of a family of foxes (r) (7469915)
2.10 Film: The Heart of the Matter (1953, b/w) starring Trevor Howard as the Sierre Leone police commissioner who is blackmailed after a brief affair. Disappointing version of the Graham Greene novel, directed by George More O'Ferrall (790915)
1.50 Network East. Asian magazine programme, including a profile of the writer Amitav Ghosh (s) (11938052)
2.20 Tanhaiyan. The tenth episode of the 13-part drama series following the fortunes of two sisters growing up in Pakistan. In Urdu with English subtitles (1203828)
3.00 Film: Les Girls (1957). Kay Kendall stars with Gene Kelly in this lively Cole Porter musical about a former showgirl who publishes her memoirs and is sued for libel. Directed by George Cukor (51997267)
4.50 World Darts. Dougie Donnelly introduces live coverage of the Embassy World Professional Darts championship from Lakeside Country Club in Surrey (s) (67483691)
7.20 News and sport with Chris Lowe. Weather (971151)
7.35 Crufts 1993. Jessica Holm and Mike Stockman preview Crufts which starts next week (s) (263644)
8.05 Arena: The Graham Greene Trilogy
● CHOICE: Part two of Donald Sturrock's film covers the years from 1940 to 1960 and is as much about Greene's personal life as his writing one. A chronology of the novels is interspersed with accounts of Greene's several affairs and sometimes the two are illuminatingly linked. According to one of his mistresses, Jocelyn Rickards, Greene wanted women but also the freedom to be alone. Hence, presumably, the succession of intense relationships. The other personal strand concerns Greene's manic depression, which is interestingly linked to his propensity for playing practical jokes. He told a friend: "I am miserable unless I have a special reason to be happy". The estimate of Greene's work holds no surprises, though it is useful to have Anthony Burgess as a sceptical voice amid the general praise. Part three is tomorrow. (Ceefax) (s) (898731)
9.05 Moving Pictures
● CHOICE: The weekly cinema magazine returns, again fronted by the writer Howard Schuman. The main item marks 40 years of CinemaScope. Fritz Lang said letter-box screens were good only for snakes and funerals but John Boorman, John Carpenter and Paul Verhoeven are directors of a more recent generation who beg to disagree. The wide screen remains what it always was, an attempt to give audiences what they cannot get at home. The irony is the need to supply television and video means that the films have to be reframed anyway. Quentin Tarantino talks about his heist film, *Reservoir Dogs*, which has been criticised for excessive violence. He retorts that his only responsibility is to be true to his characters. Finally J.G. Ballard and others sing the praises of *Blue Velvet*, which is being screened at 11.55pm (496183)
9.55 The Vampyr — a Soap Opera. Omnibus edition of the updated 19th-century opera about an erotic vampire who is unleashed on London's society. (Ceefax) (s) (695083)



Mobsters: Dennis Hopper and Dean Stockwell (11.55pm)

11.55 Film: Blue Velvet (1986) starring Kyle MacLachlan and Isabella Rossellini. David Lynch's dark, bizarre and stylish tale of mobsters and sado-masochism. With Dennis Hopper and Dean Stockwell (763644). Ends at **1.55am**

ITV LONDON

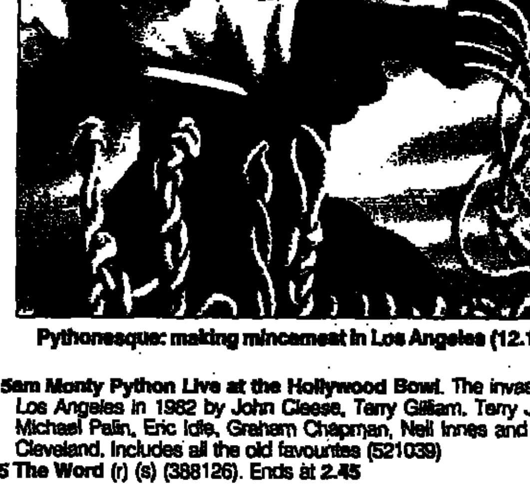
6.00 GMTV (7756199)
9.25 What's Up Doc? Andy Crane, Pat Sharp and Yvette Fielding are joined by Penny Bod and Julian Horsey (s) (91299880)
11.30 Movies, Movies, Movies. Includes previews of Sir Richard Attenborough's *Chaplin* and *Into the West* (4977)
12.00 The ITV Chart Show. Featuring Earth, Wind and Fire performing their 1978 hit "September" (s) (13083)
1.00 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (34432002) **1.05 London Today** (34431373)
1.10 Matlock starring Andy Griffith as the defence attorney (1574460)
2.05 Hard Time on Planet Earth. Pilot for a new comedy series about an alien who is exiled to Earth in human form (5534489)
3.00 The A-Team. George Peppard leads the fight against evil with his trusty band of Vietnam veterans (r) (3728511)
3.55 WCW World Wide Wrestling from the United States (1963977)
4.40 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (3273828) **5.00 London Today** and sport (7779002)
5.15 Challenge of the Gladiators. John Fashanu, Ulrika Jonsson, John Sachs and Brian Conley introduce a review of some of the memorable moments from the last series and a report on how the Gladiators were selected and trained. (Oracle) (s) (605809)
6.15 New Baywatch. The perfectly formed lifeguards parade the beaches of Los Angeles Country in search of damsels in distress. Mitch's professionalism is put to the test with the arrival of a former lover. (Oracle) (s) (565170)
7.10 It'll Be Alright on the Night 5. Denis Norden presents another compilation of out-takes and blunders from television and the cinema (r) (405644)
8.05 Film: The Karate Kid II (1986). Inferior sequel to the martial arts drama about a teenager (Ralph Macchio) who takes physical and spiritual lessons from his karate trainer (Pat Morita). After his success in the American championship, he travels to Okinawa to face his severest challenge yet. Directed by John G. Avildsen. (Oracle) (57305151)

Groovy guises: Michael Palin and Tracey Ullman (10.00pm)

10.00 Tracey Ullman: A Class Act
● CHOICE: Tracey Ullman makes a welcome return to the screen in a series of comic sketches on the British class system. She is partnered by Michael Palin, last seen struggling towards the South Pole. The funniest offering is a skit on the Granada series *Seven Up*, which takes a group of children and follows them into their adult lives. But it will mean little to anyone who has not seen the original. Of more general appeal is a sharply-observed Dick Clement-Ian La Frenais playlet about a working-class couple who sacrifice everything to send their daughter to a posh boarding school. Less successful is the third main item, about an airline which seats its passengers according to social origin. But this is a diverting programme which gives Ullman the chance to take on half a dozen guises, all distinctive and funny (203996)
10.50 News with Dermot Murnaghan. Weather (782002)
11.10 Film: The Accidental Tourist (1988). Funny and poignant romantic comedy starring William Hurt as a travel writer who is abandoned by his wife (Kathleen Turner) but finds consolation with a scatty dog trainer (Geena Davis). Directed by Lawrence Kasdan (50665660)
1.25am The Big E. Magazine programme for and about young Europeans (1446229)
2.30 New Music. Pop videos (80010)
3.30 Night Heat. Detective series (92855)
4.30 BPM. The latest reports from the dance music scene (15774)
5.30 ITN News (22039). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Animated adventures (r) (s) (1032880) **6.25 Spiff and Hercules.** Cartoon quarrels between a cat and dog (6407826) **6.35 Alfred J. Kwak.** Tales of a musical duck (6882248) **7.00 Kideo** examines the magnet (s) (26118) **7.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors.** Animation (r) (18575) **8.00 Saved by the Bell.** Life in an American high school (8715373) **8.25 High 5:** Surfing (8205606) **9.00 News** (4504625) **9.15 Racing: The Morning Line** (2813996)
10.00 Trans World Sport (18539)
11.00 Gazzetta Football Italia. Paul Gascoigne previews tomorrow's top Italian clashes (14373)
12.00 American Football (r) (81996)
12.30 Songs and Memories presented by Zarmina Garfaraz Rahi. Masoom Raza, one of India's most prolific writers, looks back over his career (32118)
1.00 A Drop Too Much. Breislav Pojar's animated puppets warn against over-indulgence (21318847)
1.25 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park, introduced by Derek Thompson: **1.30** Portsoken Novices' Chase; **2.00** Baring Securities Tolworth Hurdle, **2.35** Oriental Handicap Chase, **3.05** Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Handicap Chase and from Leopardstown: **2.25** Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle (50649335)
3.30 Film: The Reluctant Dragon (1941) Animated and live-action feature from Disney about a friendly dragon, which includes a behind-the-scenes look at the studios. Directed by Fred Beebe, Jasper Blystone, Jim Handley, Hamilton Luske, Erwin Verity and Alfred Werker (1821712)
4.55 Trouble Indemnity. Classic Magoo cartoon (6142170)
5.05 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) (s) (4482712)
6.30 Right to Reply. Sheena McDonald presents viewers' comments on the new ITV programmes (Teletext) (s) (151)
7.00 News summary and weather (249064)
7.05 Where Peacocks Dance
● CHOICE: This documentary from Pakistan may seem far from the concerns of most British viewers but it turns out to be a pertinent study of how states treat their minorities. Pakistan's Sindh province is fighting to maintain its cultural identity against what it sees as the central imposition of Islam. The Sindhis claim to be the inheritors of an ancient civilisation going back 5,000 years and argue that Islam is a recent arrival, dating only from 711AD. The government is unyielding. "Islam", says a spokesman, "came to Sindh to eradicate these ignorant ways." The position is further complicated by Sindh's Hindu minority, caught in the ideological crossfire between Sindhi nationalism and the central government. Last year Sindh was placed under martial law. The film's closing credits include thanks to a police escort (138460)
8.00 Stephen King's Golden Years. The second episode in this six-part fantasy-thriller. Oldies Harlan and Gina find themselves on the run as Jude Andrews tries to investigate Harlan's reversed ageing. (Teletext) (s) (51710064)
9.50 Ready Steady Go! (b/w). An extended special introduces the first of 13 episodes of the sixties pop show, featuring the Rolling Stones, the Beatles and a newcomer called Cilla Black (177847)
10.45 American Football. Buffalo Bills v Pittsburgh Steelers (662489)



Pythonesque: making mincemeat in Los Angeles (12.15am)

12.15am Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl. The invasion of Los Angeles in 1982 by John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Terry Jones, Michael Palin, Eric Idle, Graham Chapman, Neil Innes and Carol Cleveland. Includes all the old favourites (521039)
1.45 The Word (r) (s) (388126). Ends at **2.45**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Danger Bay (44199) **6.30** Elephant Boy (39118) **7.00** Fun Factory (7727151) **12.00** Rich Man, Poor Man (86426) **2.00pm** Greenacres (5129) **2.30** Facts of Life (6489) **3.00** Cartoons (66625) **4.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (78460) **5.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (3285) **6.00** Knights and Warriors (73489) **7.00** UK Top 40 (94996) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (53624) **9.00** Cops I (74644) **9.30** Cops II (45606) **10.00** All American Wrestling (93267) **11.00** Saturday Night Live (51828) **12.00** Pages from Skytext

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6.00am Showcase (97489)
8.00 White Fang (1991): Ethan Hawke befriends a wolf-dog in Alaska (36921)
10.00 Treasure Island (1972): Robert Louis Stevenson's adventure (16090286)
11.35 Miracle on Ice (1981): Karl Malden coaches the US ice hockey team (66086170)
2.00pm Wonder of it All (1986): Wildlife documentary (17847)
4.00 White Hunter, Black Heart (1990): Clint Eastwood as a film director intent on shooting an elephant (8118)
6.00 The Time Guardian (1987): Time-travellers warn of a cyborg attack (43138489)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (779880)
8.00 Defending Your Life (1991): Comedy starring Albert Brooks (53688)
10.00 Goodfellas (1990): Martin Scorsese's gangster epic starring Robert De Niro and Ray Liotta (85456847)
12.35am Domino (1988): Erotic thriller with Brigitte Nielsen (324720)
2.20 Nothing But Trouble (1991): Judge John Candy punishes Chevy Chase and Demi Moore for speeding (354923)
4.00 Crash and Burn (1990): Science-fiction adventure (41774). Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.30pm The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes (1939, b/w): Basil Rathbone as Conan Doyle's detective (97731)
6.00 Avalanche Express (1979): KGB agent Robert Shaw defects (62335)
8.00 Iron Eagle (1986): Jason Gedrick steals an F-16 to save his father (67880)
10.00 The Shining (1980): Jack Nicholson succumbs to supernatural forces (41354). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am A Song to Remember (1945, b/w): Cornel Wilde as Chopin (57002)
9.00 Death of a Gunfighter (1969): Richard Widmark refuses to stand down as sheriff (23557)
11.00 The Man Inside (1990): Jurgen Prochnow infiltrates a newspaper (90441)
1.00pm Two Rode Together (1961): James Stewart and Richard Widmark track captive pioneers (27373)
3.00 Yabba-Dabba Doo Celebration: Cartoon with the Flintstones (97106002)
4.55 The Maid (1991): Martin Sheen waits on Jacqueline Bisset (85935034)
6.30 Xposure: Film news (4880)
7.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2 (1991): Cult adventures (48354)
9.00 Pink Lightning (1991): Comedy about five women in a pink Cadillac (99441)
11.00 The Lookalike (1990). Bereaved mother Melissa Gilbert-Brinkman spots a girl identical to her late daughter (768064)
12.35am The Border (1982): Jack Nicholson as a patrol guard (346842)
2.25 Sideout (1990): Drama about aspiring volleyball players (77322774)
4.50 Man of a Thousand Faces (1957): James Cagney stars as Lon Chaney (35341010). Ends at **6.50**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am The Big League (562628) **9.00** Gillette World Sports Special (91986) **9.30** The Boot Room (81286) **10.30** Sky Soccer Weekend (30064) **11.30** WWF Primetime Wrestling (45083) **1.00pm** Sports Saturday (8118460) **6.00** Goal — The Fifa Quiz (6880) **6.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (6660) **7.00** WWF Wrestling Challenge (36996) **8.00** Muscle Night (45644) **9.00** PGA Golf (440267) **11.00** Ringside (59267) **1.00am** Vintage Car Rally (53871) **1.30** Fishing the West (83300) **2.00-3.00am** Surfing (91039)

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SCREENSPORT
7.00am Volleyball (54151) **8.00** NHL Review (55880) **9.00** Mickey Thompson Off Road Racing (99538) **9.30** DTM — German Touring Cars (89828) **10.30** Sports Magazine (88422) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (18002) **11.30** NBA Action (19731) **12.00** Pro Kick (82731) **1.00pm** NBA Basketball (58267) **3.00** AMA Camel Pro Bikes (8538) **3.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (5538) **4.00** 1992 Pro Superbike (7373) **4.30** Volleyball (77606) **5.30** Gol (75712) **6.30** Pro Muay Thai (52373) **7.30** Top Rank Boxing (49151) **8.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (9002) **9.00** World Trickshot Championship (46373) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (21593) **11.30** Powerboat World (72118) **12.30am** NFL American Bowl 1993 (48842) **2.30** NBA Action (67590) **3.00** Ladies Pro Bowling (83671) **4.00-6.00** Basketball Bundesliga (65519)

LIFESTYLE
12.00 Rambo (97170) **12.30pm** Spiral Zone (15064) **1.00** White Shadow (8537793) **1.55** The Dream Chasers (42490422) **2.25** The Green Hornet (37372688) **2.50** Spain Spain Holiday (8916287) **3.05** The Adventures of Jim Bowie (9223847) **3.30** Johnny Ringo (6426) **4.00** Make Room for Daddy (2441) **4.30** Gameshows (46083) **6.00** Sell-a-Vision (9703199) **10.00** Music Videos (1628731) **2.30-3.00am** Top Five (9958)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57102460) **6.15** Chorlton and the Wheelies (57107915) **6.30** Dangermouse (9281373) **7.00** Lassie (2644151) **7.30** Owl TV (2663266) **8.00** T-Bag and the Revenge of the T-Set (5209002) **8.30** Rentaghost (5208373) **9.00** Visionaries (5299625) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (7960712) **10.00** Jem (9272625) **10.30** Dungeons and Dragons (5295809) **11.00** Film: Murder at the Gallop (1963) starring Margaret Rutherford and Robert Morley (5208847) **12.30pm** Film: The Enchanted Cottage (1945, b/w) starring Dorothy McGuire (20266286) **2.15** Bless This House (9586719) **2.45** EastEnders (40134354) **5.30** Five Children and It (7077151) **6.00** Campion (7969847) **7.00** Bless This House (1299712) **7.30** Till Death Us Do Part (7094828) **8.00** Bergerac (1077354) **9.00** The Lotus Eaters (1097118) **10.00** Film: Carry On Doctor (1968) starring Frankie Howerd (2788489) **11.45** The Young Ones (3586847) **12.15am** Three of a Kind (3846958) **12.45-2.00** In Concert: John Lennon (39008039)

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.10 Wrestling (7868170) **2.00** The A-Team (5535118) **2.55-4.40** Film: Return of Sherlock Holmes (42270606) **5.00-5.15** Anglia News (7779002) **1.25** Hollywood Report (8396768) **1.55** Kojak (8702300) **2.50** BPM (4689213) **3.50** The Little Picture Show (4029671) **4.45-5.30** The Big E (6762132)

BORDER
As London except: 1.10 Granada Sport: Kick Off (60813977) **1.30** Film: It's A Wonderful World (24731) **3.00-4.40** Granada Sport: Action (61660441) **5.00-5.15** Border News (7779002) **1.25** Hollywood Report (8396768) **1.55** Kojak (8702300) **2.50** BPM (4689213) **3.50** The Little Picture Show (4029671) **4.45-5.30** The Big E (6762132)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.10 The Disney/MGM Studio Tour Grand Opening (79042644) **3.00** A-Team (3728511) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (1963977) **5.00** Central News (3038903) **5.05-5.15** The Central Match — Goals Extra (6424002) **1.20** Film: Poker Alice (Elizabeth Taylor, George Hamilton) (482584) **3.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (84466403) **3.35** America's Top Ten (49376039) **4.05** Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight (89565836) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (9437671)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.10 McCloud (1574460) **2.05-4.40** Film: The Scarlet and the Black (86842624) **5.00-5.15** HTV West News (7779002) **1.25** Hollywood Report (8396768) **1.55** Kojak (8702300) **2.50** BPM (4689213) **3.50** The Little Picture Show (4029671) **4.45-5.30** The Big E (6762132)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 5.00-5.15 HTV Wales News

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.10 Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (79028084) **2.55-3.55** The A-Team (9100606) **5.00** Meridian News (3038903) **5.05-5.15** Saturday Sport (6424002) **2.25** Film: Reptile (711294) **4.05** America's Top Ten (89565836) **4.35-5.30** Wrestling (9437671)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.10 The A-Team (1574460) **2.05** Film: Star of India (846793) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (5915204) **5.00-5.15** Tyne Tees Saturday (7779002) **1.20** Police Precinct (1447958) **2.25** Profile (5397738) **2.40** BPM (4780132) **3.40** Stephen King's World of Horror (1828478) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (15774)

ULSTER
As London except: 11.30-12.00 You're On (4977) **1.10** Saturday Sport (34429538) **1.20** Transworld Sport (5630118) **2.20** The A-Team (3990880) **3.25** Movies, Movies, Movies (7505480) **3.55-4.40** Wrestling (1963977) **5.00-5.15** UTV Live (7779002) **1.25** Hollywood Report (8396768) **1.55** Kojak (8702300) **2.50** BPM (4689213) **3.50** The Little Picture Show (4029671) **4.45-5.30** The Big E (6762132)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 11.30-12.00 Anybody Out There? (4977) **1.15** Film: Passionate Summer (Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers, Yvonne Mitchell) (53384170) **3.10** The A-Team (8527441) **4.10-4.40** Movies, Movies, Movies (8545335) **5.00-5.15** Westcountry Weekend Latest (7779002) **1.25** Hollywood Report (8396768) **1.55** Kojak (8702300) **2.50** BPM (4689213) **3.50** The Little Picture Show (4029671) **4.45-5.30** The Big E (6762132)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.10 The A-Team (1574460) **2.05** Film: Star of India (846793) **3.45-4.40** McCloud (5915204) **5.00-5.15** Calendar News (7779002) **1.20** Police Precinct (1447958) **2.25** Profile (5397738) **2.40** BMP (4780132) **3.40** Stephen King's World of Horror (1828478) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (15774)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 Kideo (26118) **7.30** Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (18575) **8.00** Trans World Sport (8715373) **8.25** High 5 (8205606) **9.00** News (4504625) **9.15** Racing. The Morning Line (2813996) **10.00** Trans World Sport (18539) **11.00** Gazzetta Football Italia (14373) **12.00** American Football (81996) **12.30** The Cosby Show (32118) **1.00** A Drop Too Much (21318847) **1.25** Channel 4 Racing (50649335) **3.30** Film: The Reluctant Dragon (1821712) **4.55** Trouble Indemnity (6142170) **5.05** Brookside (4482712) **6.30** Magic Roundabout (643731) **6.35** Now You're Talking (145489) **7.00** News (526625) **7.20** Shotolau (993248) **7.50** Halen Yn Y Gwaed (487373) **8.50** Tocyn Tymor (492606) **9.50** Ready, Steady, Go (177847) **10.45** American Football (662489) **12.15** Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl (521039) **1.45** Close

RTE 1
Starts: 12.05 They Farmed the Mountain Side (7051712) **1.05** The Campbells (85853489) **1.30** Flambards (3020996) **2.30** News (8224712) **2.35** Little House on the Prairie (6779170) **3.25** Film: Brigham Young (Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell) (10426248) **5.30** Cairde Na Coille (8322354) **6.00** The Angelus (6707199) **6.01** News (1553538) **6.15** Mailbag (5096083) **6.40** Play the Game (3716793) **7.10** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6105847) **8.00** Secrets (3856538) **9.00** News (2130731) **9.20** Kenny Live (88697480) **10.50** Reasonable Doubts (57190335) **12.30** News (4968107) **12.33** A Prayer at Bedtime (4968107) **12.35** Close

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Simple Minds — The Street Fighting Years **3.00** Johnnie Walker **6.00** The Saturday Rock Show **8.30** Songlines **9.00** Andy Kershaw **11.00** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bill Rennells **6.00** Barbara Sturgeon **8.05** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Brian Hayes on Saturday **1.30pm** Pull the Other One (r) **2.00** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties **3.00** Steve Race **4.00** Big Bands in the Big Apple **5.00** Cinema 2 **5.30** Nick Barraclough's New Country **6.00** Stephane Grappelli in Concert **7.00** Behind the Hits **7.30** George Shearing and the Big Band in America **9.30** David Jacobs presents Easy Does It **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Ronnie Hilton (r) **1.00-4.00** Alan Dedicoat with Night Ride

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **Midday**. **6.00am** World Service: World News; **6.09** News About Britain; **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Get Set... **10.30** Tales of the Texas Rangers **11.00** Go! **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (as Radio 4 at 9.05am) **12.30pm** Sportscall **1.30** Sport on Five, with John Inverdale. Football: Premier League — Liverpool v Aston Villa, Manchester United v Tottenham Hotspur. Rugby League: second semi-final of the Regal Trophy; Racing from Sandown: **2.00** Baring Securities Tolworth Hurdle Stakes; **3.05** Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase **5.00** Sports Report **6.06** Six-O-Six: presented by David Mellor, MP **7.30** Afropop Worldwide **8.30** Le Top **9.30** Nightbeat **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** On the Level, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Report **4.40** Travel and Weather **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** Europe Today **5.59** Weather **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Programmes in French **6.58** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** People and Politics **8.00** News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Worldbrief **9.30** Personal View **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Jazz Now and Then **10.15** Letter from America **10.30** Waveguide **10.40** Book Choice **10.45** From the Weeklies **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Midday** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** Club 648 **2.15** Personal View **2.30** Sportsworld **3.00** News **3.15** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** News; Sportsworld **5.30** Programmes in French **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.10** Personal View **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe This Weekend **8.55** European Sports News **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Words of Faith **11.10** Book Choice **11.15** A Jolly Good Show **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Play of the Week: Across OKA **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Europe at the Time **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** From Our Own Correspondent **3.50** Write On **4.00** News **4.15** Under Threat

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic CD Chart Rundown **12.00** Petroc Trelawny **3.00pm** Adrian Love **6.00** Classic America **7.00** Opera:

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Countdown to Trig
6.55 Weather
7.00 Record Review, with Paul Guinery. Mozart (String Quintet in C, K515: Hausmusik); Bartók (Kossuth: Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra under Tibor Ferenc); Bax (Piano Sonata No 2 in G: John McCabe, piano); Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor: Raphael Oleg; Royal Liverpool PO under Libor Pesek); Clara Schumann (Songs: Korliss Uecker, soprano, Joanne Polk, piano)
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review continues with Richard Osborne. **Building a Library:** Nicholas Anderson surveys the life and works of Marin Marais, the French viol-player and composer; Roderick Swanston reviews new records of choral music by Mozart, Haydn, Gounod and Verdi
10.35 Call the Controller
● CHOICE: Nicholas Kenyon's predecessor, John Drummond, had all but perfected the art of deflecting criticism by phone-in by the time he vacated the Radio 3 controller's seat last March. Kenyon gets his first chance to defend his corner this morning, and referee Natalie Wheen will be ensuring that there will not be any foul play from Radio 3's new boss or its listeners. You can offer your bouquets, brickbats or advice via 071-580 4444 from 9am
11.25 Record Review continues with **Record Release:** Mozart (Litaniae de venerabili altaris sacramento, K243: Arnold Schoenberg Choir; Vienna Concentus Musicus under Nikolaus Harnoncourt, with Angela Maria Blasi, soprano, Elisabeth von Magnus, alto, Deon van der Walt, tenor, Alastair Miles, bass); Howells (Requiem: Cambridge Singers under John Rutter, with Wayne Marshall, organ); Gounod (Mors et Vita, Part 3: Orféon Donostiarra Chorus; Toulouse Capitole Orchestra under Michel Plasson, with Barbara Hendricks, soprano, Nadine Denize, alto, John Aler, tenor, José van Dam, baritone)
1.00pm News
1.05 Robert Holl, bass-baritone, Schumann (Four Andersen Songs, Op 40; Seven Songs, Op 90; Three Harper's Songs, Op 98a; Nachtlied, Op 96 No 1); Brahms (Es liebt sich so lieblich im Lenze; Sommerabend; Mondenschein; Der Tod, das ist die kühle Nacht; Es schauen die Blumen; Meerfahrt; Four Serious Songs, Op 121). Including at **1.50** interval. Recorded in the Wigmore Hall
2.45 Boccherini: String Quintet in D, G339 (Berlin Philharmonia Ensemble)
3.00 Solti: Natalie Wheen presents the penultimate programme on the conductor Sir Georg Solti. Including music from Beethoven (Leonora Overture No 3); Mozart (Piano Quartet in E flat, K493; Die Zauberflöte; Le Nozze di Figaro); R. Strauss (Songs); Debussy (Nocturnes); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished: with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion: Christopher Cook reports on French cinema, reviewing *Tous les matins du monde* and *L 627*
6.30 Così fan tutte: Chorus of the Grand Theatre; Suisse Romande Orchestra under Friedemann Layer perform Act 1 of Mozart's opera in a performance at the Grand Theatre, Geneva. Sung in Italian. With Thomas Randle as Ferrando and William Shimell as Guglielmo. **8.05** A Profoundly Distrubing Work. Rodney Milnes with a personal view of *Così fan tutte* (r). **8.15** Act 2
9.45 Four More Runyon Rogues: The Lily of St Pierre. Kerry Shale reads the second in a series of short stories by Damon Runyon
10.10 Bach and Britten: Colin Carr, cello, performs Bach (Suite No 3 in C, BWV 1009); Britten (Suite No 3, Op 87)
11.00 The Law of the Snake: John Edward Kelly, saxophone, Bob Versteegh, piano, play Brian Elias (Pythikos nomos) (r)
11.15 Impressions: Brian Morton and Nicolai Dmitriev, editor of the Moscow magazine *Jazz*, survey jazz in Russia since the fall of Gorbachev

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** The Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.20** Listeners' Letters **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.55** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Sport on 4, with Cliff Morgan
9.30 Breakaway: Bill Oddie with holiday and travel news
10.00 Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin, John Walters, Emma Freud and Arthur Smith (s)
11.00 Talking Politics: David Walter examines the possible side effects of privatisation
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 Money Box, with Linda Lewis
12.25pm Just a Minute! with Nicholas Parsons, Clement Freud, Wendy Richard, Derek Nimmo and Tony Hawks (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Nick Clarke chairs a discussion in Nottingham. The guests are Diana Warwick, chief executive of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy; MPs Clare Short and Kenneth Baker; and Peter Stothard, editor of *The Times* (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4444 from 12.30pm (s)
2.30 Playhouse: Russia. John Fletcher's haunting play is the winner of the Silver Medal for Best Drama at the 1992 New York Radio Festival. At the end of the first world war, a British platoon undertakes reconnaissance work behind Bolshevik lines. With Philip Davis as Sergeant and David Holt as Corporal (s) (r)
4.00 New Europeans: Alex Gammie talks about her theatrical lifestyle in Prague (2/6) (s)
4.30 Science Now, presented by Peter Evans
5.00 A Year in Harness: November. A year on Paul Heiney's Suffolk farm
5.25 The Art of Travel: Dea Birkett recalls her trip to West Africa where she joined the crew of a cargo boat **5.50** Weather **5.55** Shipping Forecast
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
6.25 Week Ending (r) (s)
6.50 Postcard from Gotham: Mark Steyn and guests assess the mood of the American people as the Clinton era begins
7.20 Kaleidoscope: Porteno People. In the second of a two-part tour of Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, Lucy Duran discovers the impact of the seven-year military junta on the arts and culture of its people, the Portenos (s)
7.50 Saturday Night Theatre: The Seven Per Cent Solution
● CHOICE. Nicholas Meyer's book, adapted by Denny Martin Flinn, propels Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson like rockets through a fantasy that is about seven per cent Conan Doyle. The climax is an amalgam of *Oh! Mr Porter* and *The Marx Brothers Go West*. It takes some drastic re-adjustment of our mental and literary faculties when Holmes (Simon Callow), Watson (Ian Hogg) and Sigmund Freud (Karl Johnson) turn railway hijackers and give chase to the train in which a dastardly baron (Matthew Morgan) is making his getaway (s)
9.20 Music in Mind, presented by Brian Kay (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten, led by the Rev Michael Child (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Year in Question: John Humphrys chairs a quiz at Stockton-on-Tees between *The Liverpool Echo* and *The Yorkshire Post* (r) (s)
10.45 Idle Thoughts: John Walters ponders on the religious ritual of restaurants (r) (s)
11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the Australian soprano Dame Joan Hammond (r) (s)
11.30 Sex in the Head: Every Picture Tells a Story. Men and women discuss their fantasy-sex life (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.28** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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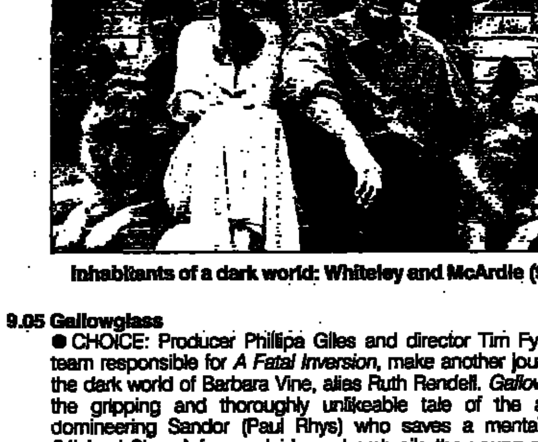
SUNDAY TELEVISION AND RADIO

BBC1

7.25 The High Chaparral. Classic western series (r) (s) (2545652)
8.15 Breakfast with Frost. Opposition leader John Smith talks to David Frost. David Mellor, Stephen Fry and Glenys Kinnock review the papers (741671)
9.15 The Good Book Guide. Tony Robinson looks at the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours (s) (4860958)
9.30 This is the Day. Linda Mary Evans visits Leeds and joins the Bijelic family, who have escaped from war-torn Bosnia (s) (40213)
10.00 See Hear! Clive Mason takes a final look at communities of deaf and hearing people who share a common sign language. With signing and subtitles (s) (96519)
10.30 Help Your Child with Reading. How under-fives can recognise print (r) (8306039). Wales: Careering Ahead
10.45 Italianissimo. Anna Mazzotti travels to the Puglia region (8394294)
11.00 Careering Ahead. Training (1229). Wales: See You Sunday
11.30 Channel Hopping. European training and jobs in the fashion industry (2958) **12.00 Advice Shop.** Welfare rights (r) (99045)
12.30 CountryFile. John Craven reports on new evidence that children in the countryside are more at risk from leukaemia (1686132). Wales: Down to Earth **12.55 Weather** (24399229)
1.00 News (34318478) **1.05 One of Our Bombers is No Longer Missing.** A documentary following the salvage in 1985 of the last wartime Wellington Bomber from the depths of Loch Ness (r) (1453923) **2.00 EastEnders.** Omnibus (r). (Ceefax) (s) (84720)
3.00 Columbo: Dead Weight. Peter Falk as the dishevelled detective is convinced that one of the nation's leading war heroes is guilty of murder. (Ceefax) (2991233) **4.10 Cartoon.** Bugs Bunny (9753126)
4.20 Biteback with Sue Lawley. (Ceefax) (6142213)
5.00 The Clothes Show. Jeff Banks, Caryn Franklin and Brenda Emmanus report on the come-back of 1970s fashions (s) (8055855)
5.25 Antiques Roadshow introduced by Hugh Scully from Berwick-upon-Tweed. (Ceefax) (6895652)
6.10 News with Jennie Bond. Weather (259652)
6.25 Songs of Praise from Truro Cathedral. (Ceefax) (s) (742923)
7.00 As Time Goes By. Return of the gentle comedy starring Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer as old flames who meet years after their last encounter. Lionel's book is about to be published and Alistair organises a photo session. (Ceefax) (s) (7478)
7.30 Lovejoy: The Napoleonic Commode. In the first of a new series the canny antiques dealer (Ian McShane) loses everything in a raid by the bailiffs. (Ceefax) (s) (778768)
8.20 So Haunt Me. Miriam Karlin and Tessa Peake-Jones star in a new series of the ghostly comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (682671)
8.50 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather (904045)



Inhabitants of a dark world: Whiteley and McArdie (9.05pm)

9.05 Gallowglass
● CHOICE: Producer Phillipa Giles and director Tim Fywell, the team responsible for *A Fatal Inversion*, make another journey into the dark world of Barbara Vine, alias Ruth Rendell. *Gallowglass* is the gripping and thoroughly unlikeable tale of the arrogant, domineering Sandor (Paul Rhys) who saves a mental patient (Michael Sheen) from suicide and embroils the young man in a kidnap plot. Other key characters are the neurotic and reclusive Nina (Arkie Whiteley) and her chauffeur-cum-protector (John McArdle). As unlikely as it is ingenious, the story has been skilfully adapted by Jacqueline Holborough, a regular writer on the *Casualty* series. Rhys and Sheen are beautifully cast as the odd couple and the production has a narrative drive and disturbing edge that compels you to watch. (Ceefax) (s) (767229)
10.00 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson puts the questions to this year's first contenders at Bangor University (s) (90774)
10.30 Heart of the Matter. Joan Bakewell examines the moral and medical dilemmas surrounding female circumcision (s) (559958)
11.05 What Shall We Tell the Children? The concerns of growing girls and how they can enjoy their developing sexuality (s) (689213)
11.25 Famously Fluent. The astronaut Helen Sharman brushes up on her Russian. (Ceefax) (195584) **11.30 The Sky at Night** (s) (466584) **11.50 Tanhaiyan** (r) (596294) **12.30am Weather**

BBC2

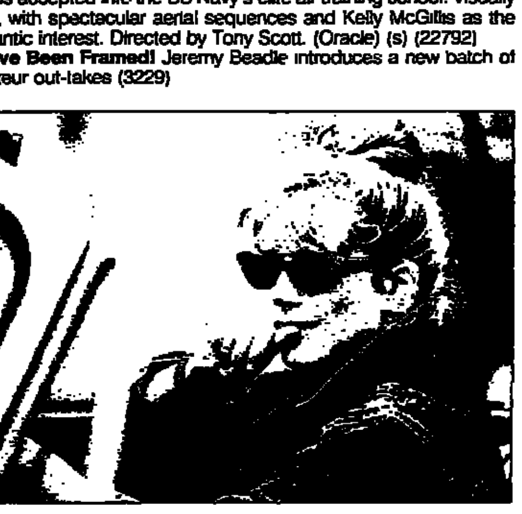
7.30 Felix the Cat (9159243) **7.45 Playdays** at the Patch Stop (r) (s) (4083590) **8.10 Smoggies** (r) (6481887) **8.35 Telling Tales.** Philip Hawthorn retells the story of the Good Samaritan. (Ceefax) (s) (8185836) **8.50 Christopher Crocodile.** Animated adventures (r) (2459039) **8.55 Superbods.** Body talk (r) (1139756) **9.15 The Animals of Farthing Wood.** First in a 13-part animation series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9870107) **9.40 The Wetter the Better!** Children's game show (s) (8164749) **10.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles.** Adventures with the pizza-loving amphibians. (Ceefax) (r) (2549132) **10.30 Maid Marian and her Merry Men.** Tony Robinson's six-part comedy (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4995107) **10.55 Blue Peter Omnibus** (r) (s) (9062687) **11.45 The O-Zone.** Music magazine (s) (4030590)
12.00 Thunderbirds. Gerry Anderson's classic puppet series. (Ceefax) (r) (3758584)
12.50 The Invaders. Cult American science-fiction series (r) (8579687)
1.40 Tex Avery. Cartoon triple bill (58046652)
2.00 Millennium: Tribal Wisdom and the Modern World. David Maybury-Lewis examines the contrasting views on love and marriage held by the nomadic Wodaabe people of Niger and a typical family from the West (s) (5402836)
2.55 Film: Revolving Doors (1988). Funny-sad French-Canadian production about an elderly pianist who writes her life story and sends it to her middle-aged son. Directed by Francis Mankiewicz. In French with English subtitles (53505923)
4.35 Ski Sunday. David Vine introduces coverage of the Men's Downhill from Garmisch-Partenkirchen (4964300)
5.10 Rugby Special. Chris Rea introduces highlights of the match between the Saracens and the Wasps (s) (4861652)
6.10 The Natural World: Shadows in a Desert Sea. A blenny's-eye view of the underwater pageant of colour and beauty in the waters of the Sea of Cortez, off Southern California (853478)
7.00 The Money Programme. Steve Annett examines the rift between small businesses and banks and asks whether the banks can help this sector to recovery (877478)
7.40 The 1993 London International Boat Show with Anna Walker and Steve Rider (s) (112359)
8.30 The International Classical Music Awards. Leading classical talents are honoured in a ceremony from Birmingham's Symphony Hall (s) (85565)
9.30 Arena: The Graham Greene Trilogy. The final part of the documentary runs from 1961 to the writer's death last year and includes an interview with Yvonne Cloetta, Greene's companion during this period. (Ceefax) (92774)

Troubled literati: Smith, Asherson and Hordern (10.30pm)

10.30 Memento Mori
● CHOICE: This is an early and welcome repeat for one of the most notable television films of 1992, an impeccable rendering of Muriel Spark's black comedy of the Hampstead literati. It was made, on his television debut, by the cinema director Jack Clayton. But Clayton's contribution is to efface his own role and draw splendid performances from a hand-picked cast. The film is a benefit night for an ensemble of seasoned players, all hitting top form. If Stephanie Cole as the imperious Dame Lettie, committee lady and busy-body, stands out on personal preference, this is only by a whisker from the likes of Maggie Smith, Michael Hordern, Renée Asherson and Thora Hird. They play an upper-middle-class group thrown into disarray by the stark message of an anonymous telephone caller: "Remember you must die." (Ceefax) (s) (52837045)
12.10am Later with Jools Holland with Was Not Was, Tasmin Archer and Smokey Robinson (r) (s) (1399411). Ends at **1.10**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. In *Sunday Best* at **7.20** presenter Anne Davies visits Muriel Harvey, who was raped on her way home from midnight Mass on Christmas eve; investigates the launch of an advertising campaign by the Church of England; interviews James Whale about his new ITV show; and launches a guide to recession shopping (7643671)
9.25 Disney Club presented by Andrea Boardman, Paul Hendy and Richard Orford (5297749)
10.45 Link. Kevin Mulhern reports on an Australian film about blindness. (Ceefax) (8485590)
11.00 Morning Worship from St Mary's Parish Church, Melton Mowbray (37300)
12.00 Package Pilgrims. Anne Gregg presents the first in a series of programmes for people who want a holiday that refreshes the soul as well as the body. Today, she looks at Malta. (Ceefax) (s) (7073215)
12.25 CrossTalk. Peter Allen looks at the capital's politics, with the help of David Mellor and Tony Banks (2513126)
1.00 News with Tim Ewart. Weather (64956045) **1.10 Disney's Baseball Fever.** Cartoon antics (7762942)
2.00 Bullseye with Jim Bowen (4958)
2.30 The London Match. Ian St John introduces live coverage of the match between Derby County and West Ham from the Baseball Ground (599958)
5.00 Bright Lights Big City: The Rise and Fall of the Dream Palace Gavin Weightman looks at the history of entertainment in the capital from the mid-1800s (5010)
5.30 Wish You Were Here. . ? (r) (774)
6.00 London Tonight (994213) **6.20 News** with Julia Somerville. Weather (886855)
6.30 Film: Top Gun (1986) starring Tom Cruise as an unorthodox pilot who is accepted into the US Navy's elite air training school. Visually slick, with spectacular aerial sequences and Kelly McGillis as the romantic interest. Directed by Tony Scott. (Oracle) (s) (22792)
8.30 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle introduces a new batch of amateur out-takes (3229)



In the fast lane: Imogen Stubbs as the fiery sleuth (9.00pm)

9.00 Anna Lee — Headcase
● CHOICE: Television's newest detective is a young female private eye, played by the excellent Imogen Stubbs. Anna Lee is dishevelled, volatile and well able to cope with chauvinist males. In this story she is put on the trail of a missing 16-year-old girl and finds herself investigating a murder in a south coast hotel. Viewers may reflect on the implausibility of a private detective doing exactly the same job as the police and the cops apparently standing aside to let her do it. The bigger reservation is that two hours is too long. If this pilot should result in a series, the episodes need to be shorter and crisper. The story has been adapted from Liza Cody's novel by the prolific Andrew Davies. But there is none of the quirky humour of Davies's original screenplays, such as *A Very Peculiar Practice*. This is a pity, for the show could do with it. (Oracle) (4478)
11.00 News with Julia Somerville. Weather (388687) **11.15 London Tonight** (191768)
11.20 The James Whale Question: One God — So Why the Conflict? The controversial disc jockey presides over a studio audience (498403)
11.50 Cue the Music. Donna Summer in concert (349213)
12.55am Harry Connick Jr — Swinging Out Live (5913633)
1.55 Film: Horror Express (1972) Diverting horror tale starring Christopher Lee as an anthropologist who discovers a frozen ape-man in China. But on its journey on the Trans-Siberian Express it defrosts and escapes. Directed by Eugenio Martin (488140)
3.30 Snooker. Action from the European Snooker League. Tonight Stephen Hendry takes on Ronnie O'Sullivan (90237)
5.30 ITN Morning News (30188). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) (4676229) **6.55 Spiff and Hercules** Cartoon capers (3336565) **7.05 Widget.** Animated adventures of the creature from outer space (s) (4503720) **7.30 Sandokan** Adventures of the cartoon prince (26294) **8.00 The Hammerman.** Animation (8782045) **8.25 The Finder** Drama series (7631120) **8.50 Dennis.** Cartoon antics (r) (5553652) **9.00 Tintin.** Animated version of Hergé's classic series (81949) **9.30 Dennis** (r) (3307294)
9.45 Flipper. Adventures of the friendly dolphin (508768)
10.15 The Miraculous Mellops. Australian fantasy series (590749)
10.45 Land of the Giants Classic science-fiction series (r) (826316)
11.45 Little House on the Prairie. Homespun drama about a close-knit family in America's mid-west (742300)
12.45 Football Rules Second in a six-part series (42411792)
12.55 Gazza's Soccer School Young people learn how to play football at Paul Gascoigne's soccer school in Wembley (r) (5824045)
1.15 Football Italia Sampdoria v Juventus, AC Milan v Cagliari and Lazio v Brescia (57895923)
3.30 Film: The Foreman Went to France (1941, b/w) starring Tommy Trinder and Clifford Evans. An Ealing wartime comedy, based on a true story by J.B. Priestley, about an aircraft factory worker who sets out to prevent vital equipment from falling into the hands of the Nazis. Directed by Charles Frend (309749)
5.05 Celebrity Animation (5537738) **5.10 News** and weather (1133377)
5.15 High Interest. Do people who take out a mortgage, insurance or pension scheme receive unbiased financial advice? (6721958)
6.00 Happy Days Comedy series set in fifties America (229)
6.30 The Wonder Years Nostalgic view of seventies life in America through the eyes of a teenage boy. (Teletext) (381)

A victim of disappearing forests: the giant panda (7.00pm)

7.00 Tears of the Dragon
● CHOICE: A three-part series examines the ecology of China as the country carries the burden of scarred lands, poisoned waters and a huge, rapidly-growing population. The films are grouped under the elemental themes of earth, water and fire and the approach is as much philosophical and cultural as journalistic. Tonight's programme explores the conflict between the ancient Chinese belief in the indivisibility of man and nature and Chairman Mao's edict that man must conquer nature. In the farming communities of Sichuan the old balance has been successfully maintained but elsewhere forests and grasslands are being destroyed at an alarming rate. A notable victim of the disappearing trees has been the giant panda. But, as the film keeps reminding us, China has 1.2 billion people and they need to eat. (Teletext) (6213)
8.00 Still Missing. Helen McCarthy's murderer will not disclose the whereabouts of her body. Her mother searches wasteground every weekend hoping to find her daughter's remains (r) (s) (9836)
8.30 American Football. Mick Luckhurst and Gary Imlach introduce coverage of the match between the Dallas Cowboys and the Philadelphia Eagles (40294)
10.00 Film: The Stunt Man (1979) When a fugitive accidentally kills a stunt specialist, film director Peter O'Toole calls in a Vietnam veteran (Steve Railsback) to be the replacement. An enjoyable look at the movie industry, with a colourful performance from O'Toole and excellent stunts. Directed by Richard Rush. (Teletext) (62834300)
12.25am Film: 1871 (1989). Historical drama, set during the siege of Paris, detailing the romantic life of theatre star Severine. Starring Ana Padrao, John Lynch and Roshan Seth. With English subtitles. Directed by Ken McMullen (s) (120558). Ends at **2.15**

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VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Food Guide (1508300) **1.10** Highway to Heaven (1541132) **2.05** Film: Tender is the Night (72946958) **5.00** The Village Show (5010) **5.30** Bullseye (774) **6.00-6.30** Anglia News (994213) **11.50** Gold is Where You Find It (274045) **12.20am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1834492) **12.50** Film: The Swimming Pool (51955256) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5823546) **4.05** Cue the Music (3990275) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (55188)

BORDER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardener's Diary (1508300) **1.10** The A-Team (1541132) **2.05** Wish You Were Here..? (40546403) **2.35** Highway to Heaven (6554382) **3.30** Bowling (74403) **4.30** Bullseye (294) **5.00** Scotsport (7045) **6.00-6.20** The Border Week (255836) **11.50** Short Story Theatre (274045) **12.20am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1834492) **12.50** Film: The Swimming Pool (51955256) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5823546) **4.05** Cue the Music (3990275) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (55188)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time (1508300) **1.10** Film: The Canadians (67893294) **2.45** The Central Match — Live (12241584) **5.00** Bullseye (5010) **5.30** Highway to Heaven (690316) **6.15-6.20** Central News (961590) **11.50** Film: Cool Hand Luke (49637300) **2.15am** Cue the Music (9595169) **3.20** ITV Chart Show (5812430) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (4185695)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.35pm-1.00 HTV Newsweek (1507671) **1.10** The West Match — Highlights (7762942) **2.00** Film: Nicholas and Alexandra (Michael Jayston, Janet Suzman) (2719836) **5.25** Cartoon Time (7749861) **5.45** Bullseye (490300) **6.15-6.20** HTV West News (961590) **11.50** Love at First Sight (274045) **12.20am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1834492) **12.50** Film: The Swimming Pool (51955256) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5823546) **4.05** Cue the Music (3990275) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (55188)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.35pm-1.00 Playback **1.10-2.00** Wrestling **6.15-6.20** HTV Wales News

MERIDIAN
As London except: **12.30pm** Meridian This Week (5741768) **12.50-1.00** Meridian News (43861233) **1.10** Schools Report: The First Meridian Audit (7844590) **1.55** McCloud (8591010) **2.55** Film: True Grit (John Wayne) (71808478) **5.15** Bullseye (571229) **5.45** I Can Do That (490300) **6.15-6.20** Meridian News (951590) **11.50** ITV Chart Show (349213) **12.50am** Film: 55 Days at Peking (Charlton Heston, David Niven) (43720968) **3.35** I Can Do That (49336411) **4.05** Police Precinct (3990275)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm The Littlest Hobo (828300) **12.50-1.00** Tyne Tees News (43861233) **1.10** Donald Takes a Holiday (7762942) **2.00** Highway to Heaven (5595590) **2.55** Film: Let's Do It Again (87759768) **4.50** Stars of Tomorrow (4963571) **5.20** Bullseye (139045) **5.50** The Back Page (577774) **6.15-6.20** Tyne Tees News (961590) **11.50** Coach (274045) **12.20am** Quiz Night (1834492) **12.50** Memories of 1970-1991 (5914362) **1.50** Zara Dhyan Dein (8016459) **1.55** Film: Do Baden (65856362) **4.40-5.30** **Jobfinder** (8044459)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Westwise (1508300) **2.00** Westcountry Update (4958) **2.30** Film: Value for Money (42188671) **4.15** The Crop Circle Making Competition (575045) **4.45** Bullseye (574316) **5.15** Heart of the Country (571229) *5.45 Members Only (490300)* **6.15-6.20** Westcountry Weekend Latest (951590) **11.50** Love at First Sight (274045) **12.20am** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (1834492) **12.50** Film: The Swimming Pool (51955256) **3.05** Entertainment UK (5823546) **4.05** Cue the Music (3990275) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (55188)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm The Littlest Hobo (8528300) **12.50-1.00** Calendar News (43861233) **1.10** Disney Special (762942) **2.00** Highway to Heaven (5595590) **2.55** Film: Let's Do It Again (87759768) **4.50** Mini Champions (3302869) **5.20** Bullseye (8051039) **5.50-6.20** Calendar (495126) **11.50** Coach (274045) **12.20am** Quiz Night (1834492) **12.50** Memories of 1970-1991 (5914362) **1.50** Zara Dhyan Dein (8016459) **1.55** Film: Do Baden (65856362) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (8044459)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Hour of Power (35039) **7.00** Fun Factory (1308381) **11.30** The World Tomorrow (70958) **12.00** Lost in Space (89126) **1.00pm** Robin of Sherwood (46584) **3.00** Eight is Enough (74774) **4.00** UK Top 40 (80381) **5.00** All American Wrestling (2519) **6.00** The Simpsons (2861) **6.30** The Simpsons (4823) **7.00** 21 Jump Street (23855) **8.00** Evita Peron: First of a two-part mini series (15519) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (21126) **11.00** Fashion TV (61010) **11.30** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
Twenty-four hour news service

SKY MOVIES+
6.00am Showcase (20300)
8.00 1941 (1979). Steven Spielberg's comedy about the panic that followed the attack on Pearl Harbor (40300)
10.00 The Witching of Ben Wagner (1987): Children's drama (71107)
12.00 Primo Baby (1989): A girl trains a blind racehorse (30923)
2.00pm Working Trash (1990). Wall Street janitors get rich (277381)
3.45 Mister Johnson (1991): Drama about an educated black man in 1923 Africa (415229) **5.30 Xposure**: Film news (7316)
6.00 The Adventures of Hercules (1985): Sword and sorcery fantasy starring Lou Ferrigno and Milly Carlucci (25942)
8.00 He Said, She Said (1991): Romantic comedy starring Kevin Bacon and Elizabeth Perkins (98852107)
10.05 The Silence of the Lambs (1991): FBI trainee Jodie Foster tracks a serial killer with the help of Anthony Hopkins (671300)
12.05am Steel and Lace (1990). Bruce Davidson creates a killer android in his sister's image (562904)
1.40 Sweet Murder (1990): Love and money come between two friends (64676430)
4.00 Mack the Knife (1989) Musical based on *The Threepenny Opera*. With Raul Julia and Richard Harris (90782) Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
4.00pm Tomorrow is Forever (1945, b/w): Orson Welles returns from the dead (11546478)
5.50 Casino Royale (1967): James Bond spoof starring David Niven (41864010)
8.00 Rollover (1981): Thriller starring Jane Fonda and Kris Kristofferson (97107)
10.00 Klute (1971): Prostitute Jane Fonda helps private eye Donald Sutherland (62923). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
7.00am To the Ends of the Earth (1948, b/w): Dick Powell tracks a narcotics gang (78671)
9.00 Perfect Furlough (1958) Tony Curtis meets Janet Leigh in Paris (35478)
11.00 His Girl Friday (1940, b/w). Comedy starring Rosalind Russell and Cary Grant (68350316)
12.50am The Molly Maguires (1970): Fact-based drama about Pennsylvania miners fighting for better conditions (36946774)
3.00 Dinosaurs — The Movie (1991) Children's adventure (91291039)
4.45 Treasure Island (1989): Charlton Heston stars as Long John Silver (17827045)
7.00 Days of Thunder (1990). Tom Cruise as an ambitious racing driver (59923)
9.00 Columbo: Murder of a Rock Star (1991): Starring Peter Falk (27300)
11.00 It Came from Hollywood (1982): Excerpts from sci-fi classics (64749)
12.30am Hardware (1990): Post-Apocalyptic thriller (798492)
2.10 Sid and Nancy (1986): Biopic of Sid Vicious and Nancy Spungen (84950817)
5.00 Pickup on South Street (1953, b/w) Richard Widmark inadvertently steals top-secret microfilm (57411). Ends at **6.20**

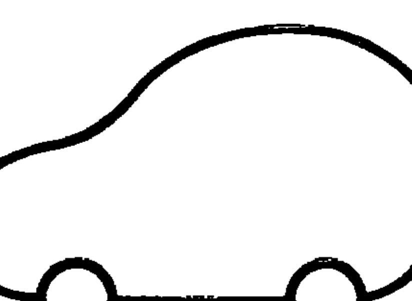
SKY SPORTS
6.30am Fishing the West (83039) **7.00** Rugby League Academy (90861) **9.00** Jack High (90478) **10.00** Goals on Sunday (13768) **11.00** The Club Show (31039) **11.30** Netbusters (32766) **12.00** Survival of the Fittest (12519) **12.30pm** High Five (50213) **1.00** WWF Wrestling Challenge (55768) **2.00** Super Sunday — Preview (45720) **4.00** Super Sunday: Sheffield Wednesday v Norwich City (9497) **6.00** Super Sunday — Talkback (31132) **7.00** The Big League (18213) **9.00** PGA Golf (554045) **12.00** Super Sunday (as 4pm) (28072) **2.00-4.00am** The Big League (37898)

EUROSPORT
8.00am Euroscores Magazine (24300) **8.30** Skiing World Cup (41229) **10.00** Trans World Sport (77756) **11.00** Skiing World Cup (534316) **2.00** Tennis Hopman Cup (638039) **5.00** Euroscores Magazine (5198652) **5.05** Skiing World Cup (83831855) **7.00** Figure Skating (27251) **9.00** Tennis Hopman Cup (61768) **11.00-12.00** Euroscores (27215)

SCREENSPORT
6.00am French Ice Racing Trophy (68381) **7.00** Volleyball (75720) **8.00** PBA Ten Pin Bowling (63749) **9.00** Motorsport (61720) **10.00** Pro Box Special (30403) **12.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (33590) **1.00pm** European Snooker League 1993 (86126) **3.00** AMA Camel Pro Bikes 1992 (6923) **3.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (97923) **4.30** Volleyball (42126) **5.30** International Sports Magazine (3132) **6.00** Basketball Bundesliga (63126) **8.00** NHRA Drag Racing (7652) **8.30** Paris-Dakar Rally (9687) **9.00** Top Match Football (67942) **11.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (10590) **11.30** Powerboat World (66687) **12.30-1.00am** Sports Magazine (65324)

LIFESTYLE
12.00 Rambo (96359) **12.30pm** Spiral Zone (43923) **1.00** White Shadow (8431565) **1.55** Dressing Down (1261403) **2.50** Spain Spain International Cuisine (8610039) **3.05** The Adventures of Jim Bowie (3290519) **3.30** Johnny Ringo (6229) **4.00** Make Room for Daddy (11229) **5.00** The New Newlywed Game (5671) **6.00** Sell-a-Vision (9690671) **10.00** Jukebox Music Videos (1695403) **2.30-3.00am** Top Five (87817)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (57179132) **6.15** Chorlton and the Wheelies (57174667) **6.30** Dangermouse (9258045) **7.00** Lassie (2548923) **7.30** Owl TV (2630958) **8.00** T-Bag and the Revenge of the T-Set (5276774) **8.30** Rentaghost (5275045) **9.00** Dr Who Omnibus (9259774) **11.00** Film: Spy in the Green Hat (1966) starring Robert Vaughn (75747720) **12.45pm** Film: Clarence, the Cross-Eyed Lion (1965) (20142381) **2.30** To the Manor Born (7977107) **3.00** The Bill Omnibus (5785671) **5.30** Pride and Prejudice (6479294) **6.30** The District Nurse (7065316) **7.00** Sorry! (1193584) **7.30** To the Manor Born (7981300) **8.00** To Serve Them All My Days (1971126) **9.00** Film: Educating Rita (1983) starring Michael Caine and Julie Walters (1974213) **11.00** Alexei Sayle's Stuff (3418145) **11.30** Alas Smith and Jones (9165381) **12.00-1.00am** In Concert: The Music of Don McLean (8347610)



RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Sunday Morning Concert: Brian Kelly (Fantasy Overture, San Francisco); Franck, arr Mouton (Pièce héroïque); Ravel (La Valse); Auric (Rondeau, L'Eventail de Jeanne); Arthur Benjamin (Romantic Fantasy); Phyllis Tate (Suite, London Fields); Prokofiev (Cinderella, Act 2)
9.00 News
9.05 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning: Weber (Overture, The Ruler of the Spirits) Chopin (Polonaise in A, Op 40 No 1); **9.18** *Composers of the Week*: Bohemians in Vienna preview: Rossini, arr Sedlak (Overture, The Barber of Seville), Wagner (Tristan and Isolde, Prelude, Act 1; *Liebestod*); *Rossini* (Sonata for Strings No 1 in G); Verdi (Ave Maria, Four Sacred Pieces); Sullivan (Suite, The Merchant of Venice), **10.20** Artist of the Week: Claudio Arrau, piano, plays Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 13, Pathétique). Mozart (arr Wendt (Le Nozze di Figaro — excerpts): Clementi (Symphony No 3 in G, Great National): Berlioz (La Mort d'Ophélie); Beethoven (Variations on God Save the King, WoO78); Kodály (Suite, Hary Janos)
12.00 Spirit of the Age: The works of Perotin and Brumel, and the tradition of music at Notre Dame **1.00pm News**
1.05 Selected Poets
● CHOICE: Thanks to the BBC sound archives, this Sunday slot has temporarily become the home of a dead poets society. Celebrated names either talk about, or read, their works. Last Sunday, it was W.H. Auden. Today, it is Sylvia Plath in an edition of *The Living Poet* first broadcast in 1961, two years before her suicide. In the coming Sundays, the featured poets whom Peter Porter will introduce are Louis MacNeice, Stevie Smith, C. Day Lewis, Ogden Nash, e e cummings and Dylan Thomas
1.20 From the Proms 1992: London Philharmonic Choir; Southwark Festival Chorus; BBC SO under Wigglesworth performs Rachmaninov (The Isle of the Dead); David Sawer (Byrnan Wood). **2.00** Interval. **2.05** Shostakovich (Symphony No 13, Babi Yar: with John Tomlinson, bass) (r)
3.15 Haydn First and Last: Vienna Schubert Trio performs Haydn (Piano Trio in C, H XV 27); Jeno Takacs (Rhapsody for piano trio, Op 11); Liszt (Elegies: No 1 for cello and piano; No 2 for violin and piano); Haydn (Piano Trio in E flat, H XV 30)
4.25 The Wheel of Fortune: Nonsuch Consort of Voices under John Milsom performs music from the Renaissance court of Marguerite of Austria in the Spanish Netherlands (r)
5.10 Iain Hamilton: Commedia, Concerto for Orchestra — revised version (BBC Scottish SO under Yakuo Yuasa)
5.40 Listening to . . . Janáček: Michael Hall explores the use of motifs in Janáček's music
6.25 Thomas Zehetmair and Lisa Smirnova, violin and piano, perform Mozart (Sonata in F, K377); Schoenberg (Phantasy); Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 30 No 2) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: Undiscovered Country. Ronald Pickup and Maureen O'Brien star in Tom Stoppard's version of the play by Arthur Schnitzler
9.20 BBC Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaka; BBC Welsh Chorus, with Yvonne Kenny and Anne Dawson, sopranos, Keith Lewis, tenor, perform Mendelssohn (Symphony No 2 in B flat, Hymn of Praise); Respighi (The Fountains of Rome); Bach, orch Respighi (Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 532) (r)
11.00 Music in Our Time: Jane Manning, soprano; Jane's Minstrels under Roger Montgomery perform Lutyens (Concertante for five players, Op 22); Mary Finsterer (Sentence for Dinner); Sonia Bo (Come un'allegoria); Thea Musgrave (Chamber Concerto No 2); Betsy Schramm (And birds are wings)
12.00 Kindertotenlieder: A vintage recording by Dame Janet Baker of Mahler's song-cycle
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping **6.00** News, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday from St Peter's, Drayton, Oxfordshire (s) **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm: Oliver Walston talks with Paul Tyler, the Liberal Democrat spokesman on agriculture and rural affairs **7.40** Sunday **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Andrew Harvey speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* about the national residential centre of Youth Clubs UK
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from Oldham Parish Church
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus (s)
11.15 News Stand, with Hugh Prysor-Jones
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (r) (s)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs. Sue Lawley's castaway is Barbara Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend, with Nick Clarke **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Glinton Horticultural Society in Cambridgeshire put their questions to Dr Stefan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Daphne Ledward. With Clay Jones in the chair (s)
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: The Music Teacher, by Guy Slater. Debbie's (Joanna Myers) new music teacher, Mr Hall (Paul Clarkson), is young and exciting and makes her feel special (r) (s)
3.30 Immortal Diamonds: Rosemary Hartill explores the relationship between God and the poet George Herbert (r) (s)
4.00 Wide Awake in Ireland: First of a three-part series on Ireland by John Waters (r) (s)
4.47 Welcome to My Wireless: The broadcaster Wallace Arnold, played by Harry Enfield, recalls the sixties
5.00 John Cole in the Lakes: John Cole explores the poetry and the politics of the Lake District (r) (s)
5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Weather **5.55** Shipping Forecast
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.15 Loss of Innocence: Misha Glenny explains his love affair with eastern and central Europe (1/6) (r)
6.30 Word of Mouth: Frank Delaney on political impressionists (r) (s)
7.00 God in the Palaces: Gerald Butt continues his analysis of the Middle East by examining Islamic militancy in Egypt (s)
7.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde meets poet Charles Causley (r) (s)
8.00 Fourth Column Classics, with Simon Hoggart
8.30 Living Dangerously
● CHOICE: Roger Graef's interviews with five young lawbreakers who have completed a ten-week intensive probation programme, begins with Bobby. He is the product of a broken family, institutionalised most of his life because of his persistent wrongdoing, now married with a baby, and determined to go straight. All these facts, plus many others, are elicited by Graef's questioning which is relevant except in one instance: Bobby's criminality has no bearing on his not having worn condoms during his pre-marital sexual encounters
9.00 The Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 With Great Pleasure: The poet Simon Armitage presents his selection of poetry and prose (s)
11.00 A Princess Remembers: Cathy Smith reviews the life of the Rajmata of Jaipur (s)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: Christine Liddell talks to Paul Cocking about unemployment (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Gary Davies **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Number Ones on 1 FM **2.30** Call the Controller **4.00** The Complete UK Top 40 **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **8.00** Anne Nightingale's Request Show **10.00** Gary Davies (**FM** only from **12.00**) **1.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **4.00am** Barbara Sturgeon **7.00** Don Maclean **9.05** John Sachs **10.30** Brian Hayes on Sunday **12.00-7.00pm** The Vintage Years. Desmond Carrington; **2.00pm** Benny Green; **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Sidney Torch (2/5). **4.30** Sing Something Simple. **5.00** Charlie Chester **7.00** Richard Baker with Melodies for You **8.30** Sunday Half Hour from the Chapel of Bramdean School, Exeter **9.00** Alan Keith **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme: Barry Took on British television from 1953 to 1992 **12.05am** Nick Barraclough's New Country (r) **12.35** Alan Dedicoat **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm. 6.00am** World Service **6.30** Mark Curry's Weekend Edition **9.30** Tintin, by Hergé **10.00** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative Omnibus **11.30** Fantasy Football League **12.30pm** Simon Fanshawe's Sunday Brunch **1.40** Open Forum **2.00** Body Talk **2.30** Where Were You...in 1978? (r) **3.00** Sunday Sport: Sheffield Wednesday v Norwich City **6.00** A Century Remembered **6.30** Education Matters (r) **7.15** How We Worked Then (r) **7.30** Italianissimo **8.00** Language Live **9.00** Open University: Countdown to Trig; **9.20** Mind Boggling!: Quantum Theory **9.30** Box 13 **10.10** Across the Line **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** World Business Review **4.40** Travel and Weather News **4.45** Programmes in German **5.30** News Summary followed by Europe This Weekend **5.55** European Sports News **5.59** Weather **6.00** World and British News **6.15** Letter from America **6.30** Programmes in French **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.50** Write On **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Classics with Kay **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Review **9.15** Short Story: Modernising Gundawa **9.30** Folk in Britain **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Science in Action **10.30** In Praise of God **11.00** Newsdesk **11.29** Travel **11.30** BBC English **11.45** News and British Press Review in German **Midday** Play of the Week: Across OKA **1.00pm** Newshour **2.00** News **2.01** This is Your Sport **2.30** Anything Goes **3.00** News **3.15** Concert Hall **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Programmes in German **5.00** *News and Business Review* **5.15** *Club 648* **5.30** *Programmes in French* **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Programmes in German **8.00** News **8.09** Folk in Britain **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Europe Tonight **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Review **11.15** Classics with Kay **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** In Praise of God **1.00** News **1.01** What's News? **1.15** Femmes Fatales **1.45** Musical Mavericks **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Composer of the Month: Manuel de Falla **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Anything Goes **4.00** News **4.15** Poets and Places

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Sarah Lucas **9.00** Classic Romance **12.00** CD Requests **2.00pm** Celebrity Choice **3.00** Robert Booth **7.00** Authentic Performances **8.00** Classic FM Concert: Philadelphia Orchestra under Muti, includes Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 2 in C minor, Op 18: Andrei Gavrilov). Liszt (A Faust Symphony) **10.00** Contemporary Classics with Michael Mappin **12.00-6.00am** André Leon

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The flickering light of fame

Nigella Lawson tunes in to two Clives, James and Anderson, addressing 20th-century questions large and small

WHEN, in an official careers report carried out recently in America, high-school children were asked what they most wanted to be when they grew up, a sizable majority replied: famous. Not famous for doing anything, being anything in particular: just famous. In the late 20th century, fame is no longer just the spur, it is the aim. And if you're famous enough, as Clive James pointed out in his new and panoramically ambitious series, which started on BBC1 on Wednesday (Epiphany, an appropriate date for illumination and revelation), you can be famous just for being famous.

Madonna — who got only a walk-on part in this first episode, which was devoted to the beginning of the century — is a case in point. "She studied 20th-century fame as if it had a history of its own," intoned Clive. "She studied it as if it was history." And so does he: from the birth of the moving picture and mass newspapers to the search for idols in an increasingly unideal world, the flickering images from past eras' fantasies, almost poignantly fill the screen.

I don't know for how many years Chris Woolley, the chief film editor, was incarcerated in the cutting room to make all these reels spin, but it's worth it. Frame follows frame to produce a narrative that is not merely skilful, but witty. A film of the real Marie Curie is echoed by the screen version. Greer Garson in exactly the same pose, only more glamorous, and the triumphs of science subsumed into filmy dialogue that reduces one of the most momentous discoveries of the century to delightful banality, as the

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movie-Curie is moved to cry, in clipped fraffly accents: "Pierre! We've discovered a new element — airn ective element!"

Of course, Clive James, too, is famous, although uncharacteristically he's too modest to mention it. Or perhaps it's just that he's famous enough not to have to mention it. However, on the whole it is a modest, not a bumptious, Clive James who appears here. Perched on a stool for the programme's opening, concealed behind the footage thereafter, he is in apparently less self-conscious mode than usual. The face is stern, the tones measured, though the intonation is familiar, the waltzing speech rhythms the same as ever, only the tempo is slower, the delivery gentler.

Up till now, one has been led to believe that the reason he has never hidden his light under a bushel was because he couldn't find a bushel big enough. Here he shows himself genuinely keen to serve his material. The result is that he is resolutely the series' driving force, while seeming to take a back seat.

The technique — or perhaps, rather, attitude — serves not only the programme, but him, too. For *Clive James — Fame in the 20th Century* answers quite brilliantly that often-asked question, "Yes, but what is the *point* of Clive James?" Watching, say, *Clive James on Television*, the question used to come out differently: why was a man bright to the point of luminescence apparently squandering that brightness giving clever little commentaries to clips of Japanese game shows and Swedish dog-food commercials? Why did *Saturday Night Clive* have him tossing his best lines at second-rate soap stars? *Fame in the 20th Century* explains why and gives, albeit retrospectively, a sound and almost academic rationale to those shows. Television is full of would-be intellectuals fastidiously lowering their scholarly sights to produce pap for the masses. But James is about the only man working in television who has the confident intellectual capacity both to know what makes the fripperies of the medium so important and to be able to impart that knowledge with both integrity and popular appeal.

If *Fame* tries to answer the Big Question then *Notes and Queries with Clive Anderson* (BBC2, Thursday) is devoted to answering the sort of inconsequential questions that keep you lying awake at night, if only for three minutes.

Notes and Queries started life as a column in *The Guardian* and the question that keeps other newspaper editors lying awake at night is why they didn't think of something so simple, cheap and self-sustaining first. Readers write in asking the sort of questions that were once the staple of Arthur Mee's *Children's Newspaper* — why runner beans grow anti-clockwise, the best position to adopt in a plummeting lift, why Oxford Street is pronounced Oxford Street when Oxford Road is pronounced Oxford *Road*, and so on — and other readers write in with the answers.

Here, the answers are provided by experts in conversation with Clive Anderson or by Carol Vorderman, who has progressed from totting up the numbers on *Countdown* to being an all-round, if unconvincing, scientific know-all.

The idea works almost as well on television, although something of the democratic charm of appealing for answers from all-comers is lost. Anderson's fake-hesitant inquisitorial style is ideal for getting the best out of scientists straining to do their relaxed and jokey bit for the popularisation of their discipline, and he is as capable of bringing out eccentricities with a muttered "errr . . . yes" on this show as ever he is of slicing up politicians and book-pluggers on his talk show. The show works best, though, when the participants don't get the joke: the man who explained how he was saved from certain death when a lift containing him, two colleagues and a crate of chewing gum fell off its cable simply refused to rise to Anderson's bait, however coarsely thrown. It works better still when those participants simply sweep the jokiness out of the way: a round-table discussion between an undertaker, a tweedy environmentalist and a television professor on whether a smoky cremation was environmentally sounder than a humus-creating burial turned into a full-blown row on the unlikely subject of human compost.

The real human compost appeared in *Operation Hospital* (Channel 4, Tuesday), a new documentary series about one of those third-world hospitals where the kitchens crawl with cockroaches, the doctors spend their time phoning up-country in search of a bed for a man dying in the makeshift casualty ward, nurses worry about bits of the structure falling on patients, and slick management consultants imported from the first world swarm around with calculators explaining how, by cutting the budgets, the place can be brought up to scratch.

The problem is that this third-world hospital is King's, in London, which, well used to flies on its walls, has allowed itself to be filmed for the past year as it stumbles to trust status.

The staff were happy to be filmed; the men with the calculators allowed themselves only to be glimpsed as they hurried off to search out more possible savings. The voice-over listed the cuts arranged so far and talked of the empires built by territorially-minded doctors. Given the choice of cutting an empire of doctors and slashing through an empire of suits bearing calculators, I know which I would go for.

Famous faces: Clive James is resolutely and confidently the driving force in his series on the century's icons of popular celebrity

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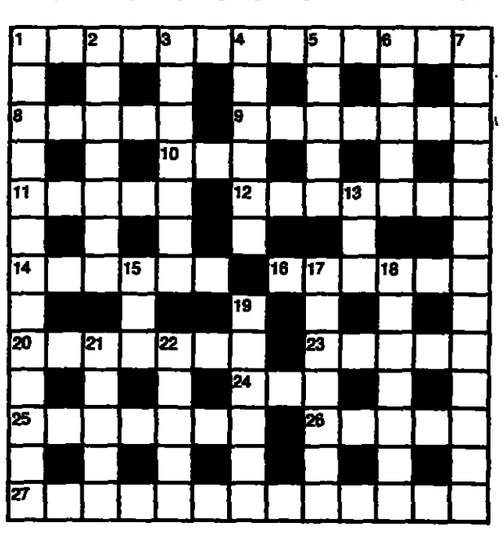

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16 Farther on (6)
20 Seedless raisin (7)
23 Hiroshima weapon (1,4)
24 Navy drink (3)
25 Paralysing (7)
26 Heroes (5)
27 Without consideration (13)

DOWN
1 Conker tree (5,8)
2 Infantry unit (7)
3 Cold treatment tree (7)
4 Instructions (6)
5 Miniature (5)
6 Hedda Gabler playwright (5)
7 La Mer composer (6,7)
13 Very cold (3)
15 Intestine (3)
17 Look over (7)
18 Smelly (7)
19 Object (6)
21 No man's land (5)
22 Growing old (5)

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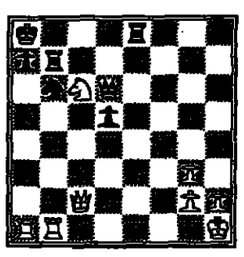
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is a variation from the game Short — Seirawan, Rotterdam 1989. White is a pawn up, but the most important feature of the position is his pressure against the black queen's wing. How does he land a killer blow?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer and the winners will be printed in *The Times* on the following Saturday.

Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Rxf6+! (1 ... Kxf6 2 Bd4+ and 3 h7). The winners are: H. Garfath, South Croydon; A. Byrne, Bolton; D.L. Roberts, Bracknell.

WORD-WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

VAGANTES
a. Shooting stars
b. Scholar monks
c. Fictional mountains

SITULA
a. An old bucket
b. A scar on the trunk
c. Morbid thirst

ICHTHYOL
a. A viscous fluid
b. A prehistoric fish
c. A child devotee of Poseidon

PEARTEN
a. To cheer up
b. A box for pears
c. A kilt pin

Answers on page 2

Back with a classy act

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● **Tracey Ullman: a Class Act**
(Tonight, 10pm, ITV)
Tracey Ullman is a brilliant commedienne whose true brilliance has never quite shone through in her television shows. *Three of a Kind*, in which she was discovered was, at best, patchy and her US show was, at worst, American. She has returned from her nine-year sojourn in the US with new thoughts on the British class system and has turned these into the three short pieces — including a spoof by Kim Fuller of the *35 Up* documentary — in which she appears with Michael Palin, Timothy Spall and Susan Wooldridge.

● **Anna Lee: Headcase**
(Sunday, 9pm, ITV)
As Morse prepares to hand in his Jaguar and his grimace, the race is on to find a replacement. The latest has Imogen Stubbs with a beat-up Sunbeam as a cop-turned-gumshoe on a missing-person case. An excellent supporting cast includes Alan Howard, Michael Bryant, Barbara Leigh-Hunt and Brian Glover.

● **Head over Heels**
(Monday, 9pm, ITV)
In its first drama season Carlton has played the 1950s nostalgia card straight away: finishing schools, debutantes and rock'n'roll. Camilla de la Mer escapes over the wall of the Grace Ellis Academy of Elegance and finds unlikely refuge at The Rockit, the coffee bar which has just opened up next door. With Jackie Morrison.

● **The Cook Report**
(Tuesday, 8.30pm, ITV)
A new series of television's answer to the trapeze artist without a safety net: the excitement is not so much in seeing Roger Cook right wrongs and save mug punters from their own greed but in waiting for the inevitable climactic shot of him getting his teeth pushed down his throat by an irate snake-oil salesman.

● **Timewatch — Allied to the Mafia**
(Wednesday, 8pm, BBC2)
In between getting the trains to run on time and strutting around in silly hats, Mussolini's major achievement was getting rid of the Mafia, or, at least, those members of it who had stayed in Italy. The American branch, faced with the choice of losing the home office and supporting their fighting cousins back home, took the long-term view, and Lucky Luciano, speaking from his jail cell, ordered his lads to give full support to the American troops. The result was a pact — only recently admitted by the US — between the Mafia and the US forces in which the post-war spoils of Sicily went to the Cosa Nostra. In this report, *Timewatch* speaks to the still-living members of both parties to the agreement and to the Italians who have had to live with the result.

GUILTY SECRETS

Baroness Denton

I feel more relaxed about watching *Casualty* on Saturday nights than trying to fit in *Newsnight* during the week. I play a game — guessing which health or social issues will come up each week, and waiting for the fund manager to come out of a trap door like a demon king. It's like waiting for accidents to happen, which you know are scripted in. I'm waiting for one medical character to have a normal private life.

● *Baroness Denton is minister for small firms and consumer affairs.*

Humanity has had its chips

Get ready for Armageddon because the sages give us only six more years

SO THERE are four of us and a 50p cone of chips, all sitting on the wall outside the chip-shop, kicking our heels and doing what we like best — arguing.

"The world's going to end soon," Bernie says portentously, fishing out the biggest chip and sucking all the salt off it. "There's loads of books and things saying it's going to happen before 1999; Nostromo and *The Guide to Predictions and Unnatural Practices*; they all say the world's going to burn in fire and that, um, the Reign of Man will come to an end."

"How do you know all this then?" Ella asks, turning to Bernie and squinting into the sun.

"My bike broke down, didn't it? I left it out in the frost and one of its tubey bits froze and went all brittle, and it fell off when me Mum poured boiling water over it.

"So I skipped down to the library, and the motorbike books section is right next to the scary books section," Bernie explains. "And basically what's going to happen is, uh, not very much after 1999 because we're all going to be dead."

"Well," Ella says briskly, "that's just great. My Nan gave me £5 for my last birthday and put it in a trust until I'm 21. I'll never be able to buy that sock I've had my eye on now." She pauses. "And anyway Bernie, you've got it all wrong. Nostradamus told the future. *Nostromo* was the spaceship in *Alien*."

"I read in a magazine that Europe coming together was like an ancient sign, and that Jacques Delors was the Antichrist," Vinnie says. Vinnie had his hair cut last week at a dodgy barber shop and it all went horribly wrong.

He's having to pretend that he meant it to look like that, so we are all being very nice to him, and agreeing the weather really was getting a bit too hot to need hair all over his head.

Everybody groans. "You mentioned Europe," Ella says. "Deduct five chips from Vinnie's share. Vin, what three things don't we ever mention when we're arguing?"

"Uh . . ." Vinnie says reluctantly, "Europe, and, um, rugby league, and, um, whether *Bohemian Rhapsody*'s a crap record."

"Which it is," Bernie says immediately.

"Then how come it's like sold millions and millions of copies and everybody says it's the best record ever made and I like it?" Ella asks, swinging into the grooves of that particular argument again.

"Guys, guys, don't argue," Vinnie says, taking the chips off Bernie for safekeeping, because Ella's shoving Bernie pretty hard, and it looks as if he might fall off the wall.

"Come on, don't fight. According to the magazine I was reading, we haven't got much time left, and you don't want to spend it fighting," he urges them.

"I do," Ella says sulkily, but stops pushing Bernie.

"Anyway, what about that comet?" Bernie says, after a few minutes. "It's going to crash into the earth and wipe out all life. We'll all be like dinosaurs."

"Yeah, and then it's the turn of the insects," Vinnie says. There's a silence.

"What?" Bernie says.

"Yeah, I read it all in that magazine," Vinnie says. "Like, the dinosaurs were the reptiles' chance to rule the earth, and then it was the mammals' — like, humans' — turn, and after the comet, it's the insects' turn to evolve and develop and rule. Insects are the only things that will live through a nuclear blast; and then they'll become intelligent and invent cars and spaceships and records like *Bohemian Rhapsody*."

The end of the world as we know it: according to Bernie, Nostradamus has predicted the apocalypse for 1999

We think about the implications of all these theories for a minute. About New World Orders and Mind Control and the complete extinction of all mankind, with the world lying still for thousands of years, until the insects get their act together and start building little houses with fake wooden shutters on the windows and calling them "Everglades" or "KevShirl". We think about death.

We think about chips, because the chip shop is a lot nearer than the apocalypse, and it has a dead good arcade machine behind a manky pot plant. If we're going to die a hideous fiery death, we might as well get some chips in while we're waiting.

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